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With apologies to the painter of the well-known picture, "The Drums of the Fore and Aft," Mr. E. Matthew Hale.

"The Arch-priest of the Suffrage Movement, Mrs. or Miss Pankhurst—I forget which—at the Albert Hall recently said the Anti-Suffragists were dead. It is our business to show our opponents that we are very much alive. I therefore earnestly hope the appeal I am making for help all over the country will not be in vain."—Lord Cromer.

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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK.

We convey to Mrs. Pankhurst, on behalf of ourselves and our readers, our heartiest good wishes for her coming tour in the United States of America. Her visit to that country in the autumn of 1909 was fraught with very great good in arousing men and women there to a sense of the importance of winning the franchise for women. Further, in stimulating the international side of the movement, it strengthened the agitation in this country. We look forward to similar valuable results on the present occasion. Mrs. Pankhurst's last speech in London before her departure will

be delivered on Monday afternoon next in the London Pavilion, and members of the Union and friends will have the opportunity of bidding her farewell either there or on Wednesday morning at Waterloo Station which she leaves at 9.45 a.m.

The Press and Woman Suffrage.

On more than one occasion we have drawn attention in these columns to the mistaken policy of the principal daily newspapers in failing to cater for their women readers beyond the publication of the ordinary fashion article or the cooking recipe. We have pointed out that in taking this course they were not only failing to fulfil their true function of holding the mirror up to life, but, what is often from their point of view more important, they were failing to secure a large number of potential new readers. We made it clear that we were not referring exclusively to the question of Woman Suffrage, but to the wide interests of women in political and social questions as a whole, with which the possession of the Parliamentary vote is inextricably bound up. During the past year we have recorded a distinct improvement in certain quarters in this respect, and have acknowledged the friendly service rendered to us by several newspapers; on the other hand, we have remarked in certain quarters a still closer boycott of Suffrage news.

An Interesting Announcement.

We have now received the welcome information that one of the great London dailies has decided to devote regularly every day a substantial part of its space to

the wider interests of women. Commencing on Tuesday next, October 3, the *Standard* will open in its columns a "Woman's Platform" conducted on non-party lines. On the first day this section will consist of two pages of the paper, in subsequent issues it will cover a page or more. We understand that it is the intention of the editor to throw it open to suffragists and to anti-suffragists and to women of all political opinions, and that it shall contain regular articles by prominent women as well as news, reports and correspondence of daily interest to women readers. A special article contributed by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence is expected to appear on Wednesday, October 4. Lady Selborne, Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. Despard, Lord Cromer, Lady Jersey and many others are also contributing to its columns.

What we think of the "Standard's" Proposal.

We feel convinced that all the readers of *VOTES FOR WOMEN* will be interested in this new departure of the *Standard*, and that a large number of them will obtain the early issues, and if they find them satisfactory will become regular readers. In particular, we hope that they will avail themselves of the hospitality of its columns to contribute anecdotes, items of news, as well as well-written reports and correspondence, and that they will keep the editor posted up in future arrangements for meetings, etc., in order that the *Standard* may be enabled to give a daily programme of activities of the Suffrage societies. (Letters should be addressed to The Editor, The Woman's Platform, The Standard, Shoe Lane,

London, E.C.) What we ask of the editor is that he should give a fair, full, unbiassed account of the woman's movement throughout the country, and that if reports of events contributed by his own reporters or other impartial witnesses have to be subject to the editorial blue pencil it shall be solely on account of style or length, and not, as has been the case with the majority of papers, in order to garble the facts or suppress the unwelcome truth.

A Great Political Woman.

In the person of Catherine Anna Parnell there passed away last week, almost unnoticed, a woman who in her day played a great political part, and who to the end of her life was an ardent and militant suffragist and a supporter of the W.S.P.U. She was one of the sisters of Charles Stewart Parnell, and according to the Dublin correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* it was largely through her that her brother's attention was first turned to the Nationalist cause. She was an ardent worker in the Irish Land League, and when, in 1881, Davitt suggested the formation of the Ladies' Land League in Ireland and carried his point in spite of the opposition of Parnell and others, Anna Parnell was commissioned to found and organise the new league. Throughout the terrible year of its existence the Ladies' Land League absorbed all the energies of Anna Parnell. She was indefatigable in travelling, addressing meetings, attending evictions, erecting relief huts, distributing relief funds. Her eloquence was heard in all parts of the country. She was the best speaker of the family, as her sister Fanny was its best writer. The Ladies' Land League became a great power. It disbursed about £60,000 in relief funds during its brief existence.

Holding up Lord Spencer.

Of Anna Parnell's indomitable courage and resolution many tales are told. Perhaps the most notable incident of her life was her holding up Lord Spencer in Westmoreland Street, Dublin, and holding his horse's head while she addressed him on the miseries of Ireland. But that was later. On one occasion she was approaching an eviction scene. The way lay across a torrent, and the bridge was barred to her by orders of the Sheriff. She was very slight and fragile, and she asked a man if he could wade across carrying her on his shoulder. He did so, with the water up to his chin and drenching her dress, but she was at the cottage before the Sheriff. On another occasion it is said that she escaped a police search by hiding behind a poplar tree—so slender was she in build.

Opposed to Compromise.

When the male leaders were imprisoned and the Land League suppressed, the Ladies' Land League took up the work, and it was the women who really beat Forster. As a reward for this victory Parnell suppressed the Ladies' Land League himself as soon as he came out of prison—ostensibly because they spent too much money, but really because the women would not compromise, and compromise in the shape of the Kilmainham "Treaty" was the note of the hour. These two or three stormy years (1879-1882) comprised her entire active political life, but in them she displayed remarkable capacity as an organiser and as an orator was possessed of a magnetic power over the people which her brother never had. The rest of her life was spent quietly, though occasionally she made incursions into politics at moments of crisis by trenchant letters to the Irish or American Press.

The Late Miss Irby.

Another great woman who at an advanced age has just passed away is Miss Adelaide Pauline Irby who worked in Bosnia for nearly half a century. The *Westminster Gazette*, in publishing an account of her noble life, quotes the following tribute from the lips of the late Monsignor Dionysius, Archbishop of Belgrade and Metropolitan of Servia, in presenting to her, at Sarajevo, an "icon" in gold and enamel representing the Crucifixion:—

Noble and Venerated Lady!

In asking your acceptance of a small gift we are at a loss to express to you adequately our abiding affection for your personal service of many years and for your never-failing sympathy, our deepest gratitude for your wise counsel, our admiration for your loving help to the daughters of our people in training them to become good wives and good mothers. When in despair, you have been their support; when in sickness, you have been their succour; and in the hour of death their comfort. Of your own choice you selected Sarajevo—to the great joy of the inhabitants—as your home. By your own desire you have remained here. They can offer you nothing but their love; and still you dwell here, and your influence—so precious to all—has shed bright beams of light and hope far beyond the confines of this province. Madam! I need not tell you what you must know—you are loved wholeheartedly throughout Servia as well as Bosnia and Herzegovina. In our schools and in our homes your work is known. In our churches we pray for you. Your name is venerated, and in every house you design to honour by a visit you are a welcome guest. No Samaritan could have helped as you have done the victims of thieves; no one could have poured oil and wine into the wounds of suffering humanity more generously than you have done; no shepherd ever tended his flock with the watchful care you have shown. May Almighty God long spare you to be the great shepherdes of our people.

Miss Irby was a firm believer in the right of women to share in the citizenship of their country.

A GREAT REFORM NEEDED.

By a Member of the National Vigilance Association of Scotland.

We, in Britain, are prone to think that we are in advance of our Continental neighbours both in imperial and municipal government and administration, but it is clear from the article "Policewomen" in *VOTES FOR WOMEN* of September 1, that in certain directions our neighbours across the Channel are much more enlightened than we are. In Britain there are no policewomen; worse than that there are not even women to conduct investigations into cases of the most delicate nature.

It does not seem to be generally known that inquiries into cases of criminal assault and indecent practices are made by men, but it cannot be too widely made public that such is the case. Now it does not require much imagination to realise that to get up evidence for this kind of case involves close questioning of a kind to make any woman shudder, and it is appalling to think that no matter what age the victims or the witnesses of these brutal outrages may be, they are subjected to this treatment. It is outrageous to think of young girls having to submit to this. In the case of children it is bad, but if they are very young they probably do not understand so well and therefore do not suffer to such an extent as girls (many of them as sensitive as the most protected girls in the land) of 12, 14 and upwards. Think of what it means, ye women who say, "We cannot bear to speak of such a subject"—a common remark,—think of what it must mean to any girl to be cross-questioned by a complete stranger and that stranger a man, on a subject which few mothers ever mention to their daughters. How long are we women going to submit to this degrading practice? For it is we women who must raise such an outcry that this and other abuses of government by men alone shall be done away with.

But this is not all. When these cases get into court—and owing to the extraordinary amount of evidence that is required before the police will prosecute in a case of this kind, numbers are dropped—the chances are that the order goes forth, "Clear the Court."

What does this mean? It means that only the officials are allowed to remain, and the girl who has been outraged and any girls who may be witnesses are left alone without the support of one person of their own sex. Is it not monstrous that this additional and perfectly unnecessary trial should be inflicted upon them? No one would for a moment suggest that a crowd of promiscuous women should be admitted, but it is surely not too much to demand that a woman representing an accredited society, having for its object the welfare of women and girls, should be admitted.

For instance, in a recent case of rape the representative of a Vigilance Society was refused permission to remain, and when she left the Court the only woman in it was the one in the witness-box, a girl of about 16! It would be interesting to know the reason of the refusal. The judge knew who this lady was and could not imagine for a moment that any one would wish to attend such a case for pleasure or for any but the most humane reasons. Again I say how long are we going to stand it?

It has been suggested that it is not wise to ask that women be appointed because it would mean a drastic change in the criminal law. A drastic change in the criminal law forsooth! And what then? Will the Empire go to pieces if the criminal law has this obviously proper and decent change made? Since when have our laws assumed the character of the laws of the Medes and Persians? Needless to say that suggestion was made by men as an excuse for not taking action; it is for us women to awaken and to act.

IN MEMORIAM.

Deep sympathy will be felt by all the members of the Union with their fellow members in Reading who have suffered a great bereavement by the death of Mrs. Shaw on September 20. The blow fell very suddenly. Mrs. Shaw joined the W.S.P.U. in March, 1910, and immediately put her practical capabilities as a worker at the services of the Woman's cause. She took a leading part during the summer of 1910 in working for the success of the June and July demonstrations, both of which were supported by large contingents from Reading. In September, in response to Miss Margesson's appeal, she went on the holiday campaign to the Isle of Wight, where she was most successful in breaking up new ground and winning new sympathisers and supporters. She entertained Mrs. Pankhurst when she spoke at a large meeting in Reading on November 7, and she aroused great enthusiasm at the meeting by singing the Women's Marseillaise. Mrs. Shaw was also one of the prominent workers in the General Election last January, when the district was without an organiser, owing to the ill-health of Miss Margesson. She took the lead, giving up her time to organising, and was largely responsible for the success of that election where the Government candidate suffered a great reduction of his majority and a warning was given to the Prime Minister that women would no longer stand the blocking tactics of the Government. Our deep sympathy is felt with her husband and with her little daughter in their tragic bereavement.

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AN INSURANCE BILL QUESTION.

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THE KILMARNOCK BURGHS BY-ELECTION.

RESULT.
Mr. W. G. Gladstone (L.) 6,923
Sir J. D. Rees (U.) 4,637
Mr. T. McKerrall (Lab.) 2,761
Liberal maj. over Unionist 2,286

Result in Dec., 1910: A. R. Rains (L.), 8,657; J. B. Black (C.) 5,569. Maj., 3,088.

The magnificent Suffrage campaign which has been conducted in Kilmarnock has resulted in withdrawing a large number of votes from both the anti-Suffrage candidates and transferring them to Mr. McKerrall, the only one of the three candidates who supported the Conciliation Bill; and though, as we anticipated, this transference has not been sufficient to secure Mr. McKerrall's return, it is nevertheless a remarkable tribute to the value of the Suffrage policy. From the account which follows it will be seen how splendid has been the understanding of the men and women in the constituency of the imperative need for women's enfranchisement.

(From Our Special Correspondent, Tuesday Night.)

"Sweet are the uses of the—Anti-Suffragist!" This is one of the lessons of the by-election. On several occasions a well-appointed motor-car, decorated in the Mephistophelean black and red (which, with a fine but altogether unexpected sense of the fitness of things, the "Antis" have made their chosen colours) has appeared in the vicinity of our "pitches." The immediate result is that the one undesirable element in our crowds, the noisy children, instantly surround the new arrival with deafening howls, and thus leave our speaker free to pursue the even tenor of her discourse in peace and tranquillity. Meanwhile, the hapless anti, with a strength of determination that stands out in beautiful contrast to the weakness of her arguments, struggles pluckily along, proving, in her own person, how admirably adapted women really are for the rough-and-tumble of political life, and, incidentally, by the egregious folly of her "points," transforming some of our lukewarm supporters into ardent Suffragist "hecklers." A big, good-looking working woman who had just approached one of these meetings asked a Suffrage worker who the speaker was. "They are speaking against Woman Suffrage," was the reply. The woman's handsome features clouded angrily. "To the — with them!" she exclaimed, indicating a personage not often mentioned except in blank verse.

The fact that the enemy, pitifully insignificant though that enemy be, is in the field has, if possible, added fresh zeal and energy to the activities of our workers. Numerous meetings have been held all over the constituency. Splendidly sympathetic crowds numbering over 1,000 attended the Suffrage demonstrations in Kilmarnock and Dumbarton. Besides our own Union, the Women's Freedom League and the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies took part in these demonstrations, and on both occasions Mr. Lansbury, M.P., was the principal speaker. The harmonious groupings of the colours and banners of the various societies and the sea of eager, upturned human faces, seen in the soft glow of arc lamps, made a picture which will linger in the memories of those who witnessed it.

Both Mr. Lansbury and Mr. McKerrall, in their meetings throughout the constituency, emphatically affirmed their belief in the need for the women's vote, and the candidate solemnly and unreservedly pledged himself before the electors to do what in him lay to further the women's cause in Parliament and vote for the Conciliation Bill should he be successful in winning the seat.

The Liberal candidate, Mr. Gladstone, has been subjected to several severe hecklings. On one occasion, while he was deploring the lot of the man who by an unfortunate chance finds himself disfranchised for one year, one of our women asked if he had any sympathy with the women who were disfranchised for life? He replied that he had not, adding, with boyish simplicity, that "politics was not woman's sphere." Asked whether, if returned to Parliament, he would be content to accept women's money in payment of his salary, he bowed his head and muttered "Yes." Such a painful exhibition of political inexperience disarms the most inveterate heckler. It is too suggestive of the pastime of hunting tame rabbits. One thing, at least, Mr. Gladstone will have learnt from this by-election, and that is, the women whom with fine masculine arrogance he would relegate entirely to the "home" know how to conduct a spirited and vigorous election campaign.

The great event of the by-election has been the visit of Miss Christabel Pankhurst. Her tour through the constituency was, from beginning to end, a triumphant success. In almost all the towns over which meetings had to be held, and even from these hundreds had to be turned away. Our only quarrel with these towns is that they had no halls big enough to hold a Suffrage meeting, and we feel sure that their only quarrel with us arose from the fact that, being unable to work miracles, we could not pack 2,000 people into halls which scarcely held 1,000.

In Port Glasgow the street leading to the hall was blocked with people waiting patiently for nearly an hour before the doors were opened, and when at length they were admitted the stampede was so great that for a moment an accident seemed inevitable. Staid elderly men and women rushed like excited children to the front of the hall and collapsed into their seats, breathless and dishevelled, but triumphant. In a few minutes the place was packed to overflowing.

In Renfrew the precaution was taken to have the hall doors open more than an hour before the time of the meeting. Long before the appearance of Miss Pankhurst on the platform the hall was densely packed. She had hardly commenced speaking when a strange threatening noise as of distant thunder startled the audience. It proved to be a contingent of working men who, having tarried like the foolish virgins of the parable until the doors were closed, were now proceeding to "rush" them. To prevent violence, the hall-keeper was obliged to admit them. They swarmed in the passages, the ante-rooms, and on the stairs, and expressed themselves satisfied if they could but get a "sight" of Miss Pankhurst. It was in this town, perhaps, where Miss Pankhurst's appeal elicited the most instantaneous and enthusiastic response. The audience was composed almost entirely of working men and women. They applauded heartily throughout the speech, but to a keen observer it must have been evident that when they were most deeply touched they did not applaud at all—only a kindling of the eye, a tightening of the muscles about the mouth told how profoundly moved they were. Miss Pankhurst spoke to them of the things they understood, the hard and bitter realities of life, the barrenness and weariness of the lives of the poor, and especially of the women, the terrible dangers that beset the path of the daughters of poor men, the unspeakable crimes committed, almost with impunity, against their children. These were women's questions, and until women had the weapon of the vote these terrible evils would never be effectively grappled with. It was for this they had gone to prison in the past, for this they were prepared to go to prison in the future, if need be. There were moments in that speech, rare in human experience, when the clear, powerful thought of a strong thinker seemed to grip the imagination and hold the minds of a whole audience by the sheer force of its own intensity. For the time being, at any rate, all sex arrogance and party feeling, all selfishness and prejudice, seemed to fall away like scales from their eyes, and the dumbest amongst them realised, for one illuminating instant, the eternal truth that lies at the root of the woman's movement. "Flesh and blood are more precious in the eyes of women than dividends and property." The prolonged burst of applause at the end of the speech was such as a Scottish audience seldom allows itself to indulge in. It seemed as if they were glad to be able to relieve the pent-up emotion of that wonderful hour.

"Never in my life have I heard anything like that," was the emphatic comment of scores of men. The women crowded the corridors and stairs leading to the platform room in order to shake hands with Miss Pankhurst. There is something very pitiful and touching in the gratitude of these women the subdued, tremulous joy with which they, the working mothers of the race, the real Empire makers, receive the message of their own value and dignity as human beings. They ask eagerly when there is to be another meeting, their faces aglow with a new hope, a new pride. They know that it is their battle we are fighting, and they are dimly conscious of a future big with promise for them, the hewers of wood and the drawers of water. And so we can take leave of the Kilmarnock Burghs by-election with the glad assurance that we have planted good seed in these towns. Step by step, inch upon inch, there is being built up around our movement a strong, righteous public opinion—a shining, invincible armour against which no politician, however astute, can measure his strength without being shivered to pieces.

M. MCP.

MR. HERBERT SAMUEL ON WOMEN.

Mr. Herbert Samuel, in opening a new secondary school for girls at Saltburn on September 19, paid a tribute to the women workers of the Post Office, who, he stated, were most industrious and most conscientious, perhaps more conscientious than men, in the performance of their duties.

Referring to the possibility of some of the girls entering the service of the department, not under himself but his successors, he said Postmasters-General were a fleeting race. They came and went with embarrassing rapidity, and they left light "footprints on the sands of time." Apart altogether from all question of the work of the world which women more and more were doing, the higher education of girls was good purely for its own sake. We should freely and generously open wide the doors of the treasure house of knowledge to the women of the country, and give them free entrance into the spacious palaces of literature, science, and art.

Apart from any duties of citizenship which might or might not be imposed on women in the near future, it was certain that the wider, broader, and more generous the education which girls were able to obtain the better they would be as daughters, as wives, and, perhaps, above all, as mothers, of the generations that are to follow.

A male worker who "wanted something to do," was asked to undertake the scrubbing of a certain staircase twice a week. The applicant stared at the sight of steps rather dubiously for a minute. "It's a long 'un, ain't it?" he remarked. "Yes, it is not short," was the reply. "And it's awful dirty," he added. "No, I can't take on that," said the woman.

—Midweek County Times.

MISS CLEMENCE HOUSMAN'S TAXES.

Miss Clemence Housman has sent us copies of some of the correspondence which she has had recently with the Inland Revenue Department with respect to her taxes:—

Attorney-General v. Yourself.

Madam,—The Commissioners of Inland Revenue having placed in my hands the papers herein, with instructions to issue execution, I have to acquaint you that, unless the duty and costs out of pocket, together amounting to £2 14s. 6d., be paid to the Accountant-General of Inland Revenue, at this office, within four days from this date, the writ, under which you will be liable to arrest, will be lodged with the Sheriff without further notice.—I am, madam, your obedient servant,

H. BENTIAN COX.

Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

July 28, 1911.

To this Miss Housman replied:—

Sir,—From your letter of the 28th ultimo I understand that I am now liable to arrest for refusing supply to a Government unrepresentative of women. Though I cannot conscientiously make any payment I am ready to conform to the requirements of the law in other particulars. Therefore at the conclusion of a brief holiday I shall be prepared to surrender to the execution of arrest, and for that purpose to be at the Pembroke Cottages, Edwardes-square, Kensington, at mid-day, from 12 to 1 p.m., on Monday, the 14th instant. Be good enough to let me know at your earliest convenience if this meets with your concurrence, and thereupon I will hold myself engaged to be at the disposal of the Sheriff's Officer at the time and place aforesaid.—I am, sir, yours faithfully,

CLEMENCE HOUSMAN.

Attorney-General v. Yourself.

Madam,—I have to thank you for your letter dated the 5th instant, but the date and hour mentioned therein will not be convenient for the attendance of the Sheriff's Officer as you propose.—I am, madam, your obedient servant,

H. BENTIAN COX.

Assistant Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

[Miss Housman is informed that she may expect arrest any day.]

KATE TINGEY.

Correspondence regarding a terrible case of cruelty to a little girl of twelve, Kate Tingey, has been occupying considerable space in the Press during the last few days. The case was heard at Tower Bridge Police Court on Sept. 22. The father (who had beaten her with a leather strap), although held in law to be the parent of the child, was discharged, while the woman (the child's stepmother) was sent to prison for six weeks. Such cases as this show the imperative need for a radical change in the law which exonerates the legal parent of the child from any responsibility for the manner in which she is treated.

AT THE ALBERT HALL.

The silent reminder to Mr. Masterman, M.P., at the Albert Hall on Saturday in last week is thus referred to in the *Christian Commonwealth* for September 20:—One could not help reflecting how near the brute-man is to the surface even among members of the Brotherhood. Men who had been vociferously applauding the lofty sentiments of the speakers and singing "All hail the power of Jesus' name" now shouted their instructions to "turn them out" and applauded the action of the stewards, who set on the women, in some cases six at a time, violently endeavouring to wrest the banners from them, and roughly and repeatedly striking their arms and hands to induce them to let go. Happily, the tact, Christian gentlemanliness, and commonsense of the chairman, Rev. F. B. Meyer, saved the situation. Three times over he rose and secured order. He assured the Suffragettes that he, and he believed the majority of that great gathering, by its very calling as a "Brotherhood and Sisterhood," were willing that women should have votes; and he pointed out to the audience that it was they who were making the disturbance; that if they did not lose their heads, but gave their attention to Mr. Masterman, he could continue; and that the women did no harm in displaying their flags, and should not be turned out unless they misbehaved themselves. The audience and stewards having at last been converted to the wisdom of this course, Mr. Masterman was able to proceed without further interruption. A large banner bidding the audience: "Remember Votes for Women in 1912," hung over the railing of the balcony till the conclusion of his discourse, when the possessors quietly removed it.

STILL GOING AHEAD!

The work of increasing the circulation of VOTES FOR WOMEN is a work that never stops, thanks to those members who are ever on the look out for a new subscriber. It is a work, too, that lasts. Speeches may be heard and forgotten; conversations may be joined in, and yet the memory of them fade away; but the regular reading of the paper is something that sinks in and influences. An American correspondent writes this week: "I am enclosing renewed subscription. Could not get on without VOTES FOR WOMEN. The paper has become a necessity for everyone wishing to keep informed on the greatest question of modern times—the great human movement of women's political emancipation, with all that it represents. We women of the United States value the paper not only for news concerning the progress of the cause in which we are as much interested as our sisters of the British Empire, but we find their splendid achievement a source of inspiration for our own work." The paper has now been accepted for the Tamworth and Erith Libraries.

September 18 to 23.

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THE BLACK AND THE WHITE PERIL.

"At the Isle of Wight County Police-court at Newport, on Saturday, George Henry Fredk. Morris, 25, a scavenger's labourer, of Wroxall, was sentenced to six months' hard labour for indecently assaulting Ivy Porten, aged 5 years, daughter of a farm bailiff residing at Ventnor. Evidence was given that the prisoner met the little girl on her way to school, gave her a ride in his cart, and took her into a field, where the offence was committed. When seen later by the police he expressed sorrow and promised not to offend again. He now pleaded guilty, and after hearing the evidence of Dr. Haggis and other witnesses the Bench passed sentence as stated."

From the Isle of Wight Advertiser, Sept. 16.

"The native who was arrested for a criminal assault on a white girl on a lonely road here [Port Elizabeth] in May last was to-day sentenced to death after pleading guilty. In sentencing the man the judge characterised the crime as a most brutal assault on a European girl. Such a crime had far-reaching effects, and he had always felt it his duty in clear cases to inflict the death penalty.—Reuter."

From the Daily News, September 19.

We print these two paragraphs one after the other because we feel that the matter is one that should give grave thought to men and women alike. The women who are fighting for the regeneration of humanity are the last people in the community to desire savage and vindictive punishment. At the same time they realise that such men, whether black or white, are moral lunatics, and should be segregated for the sake both of the safety of the community and the well-being of the human race. The first step in moral regeneration is the raising of the status of women, whether in South Africa or in our own country; and the second step is to give women a voice in regard to the laws which are made to deal with this evil. It is only by conferring on women the status of citizenship by means of the vote that either of these two results can be obtained. No woman can read these terrible stories (which may be culled every day from the newspapers) without thinking of what they mean and without gaining that deeper insight into the meaning of the Woman's Movement which will lead her to take her place in the ranks of the Women's Army.

MISS EMILY HOBHOUSE.

Miss Emily Hobhouse, who has been in Italy suffering from a tedious illness for the last year and a half, has received a touching letter of sympathy and expression of gratitude from the women of the Orange Free State, amongst whom so much of her work was done. The letter, which is illuminated and bound in a large folio album containing the signatures of thousands of women from every district of the State, is signed on behalf of the Committee by Mrs. Steyn, Mrs. Bignaut, and Mrs. Fischer. In the course of the letter the writers say:—"Your name will always be linked with the women of our land. When in the dark pages of our country's history we see the picture of our women and children in their misery, then amongst them also arises the vision of yourself like an angel of mercy bringing a ray of light into the darkness. We cannot forget what you did for us, and still less shall we forget what you had to suffer for us. As a monument to your honour there remain the spinning and weaving schools which you have called into existence in our land. These institutions have accomplished something higher than if they had been mere profit-gaining industries; they have saved our girls from their useless existence and imbued with fresh hope those who dragged out an aimless life exposed to great moral dangers."

WOMEN AND IDEALISM.

An aged Canon of over 90 years writes to Dr. Ethel Smyth thanking her for her letter to the *Nation* (quoted in last week's VOTES FOR WOMEN), advocating the admission of women to an equal share with men in the government of the country. He says, "When that change comes it will be to the greatest benefit of our people, who have been far too long drifting into the black pool of materialism. The addition of women to the governing body will give such an impulse to idealism as will inculcably alter all schemes of government, and relieve us from the decadence into which we are settling. Thank you and other good women for what you have done and are doing."

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LOVE AND MARRIAGE.

Ellen Key has attacked in fearless fashion in her new book* one of the problems of to-day. As woman changes and develops, her relation to man—in other words, her position in love and marriage—must change too. What was it, what is it now in its transition stage, and what will it become? These are the questions that Ellen Key tries to answer, and in her book there is much that Suffragists will agree with, and something that they may differ from. Yet it is a book that every woman should read and ponder. What marriage has been through the ages of woman's subjection we know—at best a faint replica of the glory that might be, at worst a tale of misery and degradation; what marriage will become when woman is free, on that we all have our ideas, which may be those of Ellen Key—or may not. The author herself warns us again and again that few are ready for her message, and she ends her book on a note of patience:—

Those who believe in the perfectibility of mankind for and through love must, however, learn to reckon not in hundreds of years, and still less in tens, but in thousands.

Her ideal of love is high, and she asks, not for "free love" in the vulgar sense of the word, but for freedom in love. The individual must judge of his love by its spiritual enhancement of his character and by its effect on the race. And if we do not all follow her ideas, we must at least agree with the demand she makes for fair treatment of the woman and of the child in her suggestions for a new marriage law.

What is of special interest to us is her survey of present conditions, of the growing tendency in women to demand from men a deeper love, while men demand a soul in women and not only a pleasing face.

To the man who seeks only her lips, but does not listen to the words from them, who longs for her embrace, but smiles or frowns when she reveals the nature of her soul, such a woman has nothing to give. . . . Modern woman's love differs from that of older times by, amongst other things, the insatiability of its demand for completeness and perfection in itself, and for corresponding completeness and perfection in the feeling of the man.

And the problem of motherhood? We venture to think Ellen Key wrong in describing as "the greatest tragic conflict the world has ever witnessed" the modern woman's struggle between a desire for motherhood and a desire to realise herself in her work. All these "problems" which are supposed to confront the new woman tend to solve themselves. There is no likelihood that the modern woman will undervalue her maternal duties; rather, being free herself, will she be a better mother if she has children. And that a share in full human life and work is compatible with good motherhood has been proved only recently by the life of a woman like the late Mrs. J. R. MacDonald. Mrs. Perkins Gilman knew:—

Peace, then! Fear not the coming woman, brother.
Owning herself she giveth all the more.
She shall be better woman, wife, and mother
Than man hath known before.

TWO GREAT WOMEN.

Two most excellent cameo sketches of the life and work of great women (Florence Nightingale and Josephine Butler) are now on sale at the Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, London, price 3d. and 2d. respectively. We should advise everyone to send for copies for distribution, for no more powerful arguments for Votes for Women could be found than the lives of these two magnificent women, hampered as both were in their work for the benefit of humanity by the want of the Parliamentary vote. Every Suffragist knows that both Florence Nightingale and Josephine Butler were ardent and convinced Suffragists. There is in the possession of the North of England Society for Woman Suffrage a document bearing the signature of Florence Nightingale to an address to Mr. Disraeli, thanking him for his favourable vote in the House of Commons, and begging him to do his utmost to remove the injustice under which women householders suffered by being deprived of the Parliamentary Vote. Miss Nightingale herself wrote:

The much prated of "woman's work" and "woman's sphere" is to bring the best she has—whatever it is—to the work of God's world. She is not to refrain from doing what she has the power to accomplish simply because it has hitherto been considered man's work. She must do the thing that is good, whether people call it suitable for a woman or not!

Mrs. Josephine Butler, too, wrote as follows:

The prayer which I now offer is that the veil may be taken away, and the selfishness—the perhaps unconscious selfishness—may be removed from the hearts of men who deny women equality, and keep them outside the Constitution. Think what we could do in the cause of morality; think of the pain and trouble and martyrdom that we might be saved in the future if we had that little piece of justice.

Mrs. Butler tells how, at the historic Prayer Meeting held during the Debate in the House of Commons on the Repeal of the C.D. Acts, a venerable lady from America rose and said: "Tears are good; prayers are better, but we should get on better if behind every tear there was a vote at the ballot box."

* "Love and Marriage." Translated from the Swedish by Arthur Chater. G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price 6s. net.

† By Marion Holmes. Published by the Women's Freedom League.

THE "WOMAN CITIZEN."

Welcome to a new Suffrage paper, the *Woman Citizen*.* The first number contains many interesting editorials and contributions, including a most sympathetic account by Harriet Noble of the great Suffrage Procession in London on June 17, 1911. An introductory paragraph says:—

There is no reason why the men of the State of Indiana should deny to their women the right to participate in the affairs of State, or in any matter whatever, for the women of Indiana equal in every way the women of any other State in the Union. The men of this State certainly should not permit it to go abroad that they look upon their women differently, or repose less of confidence in them than do the men of Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, Washington and other States where women have the right of suffrage, or the men of New Zealand, Australia, and Finland.

We wish our new contemporary every success.

VOTES FOR LUNATICS.

Politically women have hitherto been classed with children and lunatics. It seems, however, that lunatics have a much superior position. In the last report of the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, the medical officer says: "Two of my patients who had votes requested permission to exercise their political rights, and there being no medical reason why their request should be refused, they both voted."

ON MUSIC.

"Note for Note Music" (by Miss E. M. Wills) is a booklet intended to help those who have no knowledge of music and wish to be able to play simple airs at sight on the pianoforte without the process of learning the present system of notation. It is, in fact, a new plan of writing music, and seems only suitable for a limited range of notes (both hands are represented, however). The authoress herself admits that for the music lover there is only the old method—with which we entirely agree—and we are not convinced that this new system is very much easier; yet with its representation of the keyboard it may be found so by those absolutely without previous training. It is from these that the verdict must come, and the price of the experiment is a modest 6d.

The Women's Local Government Society are proposing to conduct an Autumn Campaign on behalf of their Bill to enable married women to serve on town and county councils which is to be introduced next session.



Mrs. Nash, a member of the W.S.P.U. and an enthusiastic seller of "Votes for Women," who won the second prize for the best decorated bicycle in the Bideford Carnival on September 6. Mr. and Mrs. Nash are both keen Suffragists.

THE STORM.

Angry glow of a setting sun,
Gathering gloom of a night begun;
Sullen clouds on a rising sea,
Driving spray on a wind-swept quay,
Thundering crests in a harbour's mouth,
Swirl of wind from an angry South—
Ye who kindle the lantern's light
What of the night?

Dark that deepens to midnight's gloom,
Rise and fall of the sea's dull boom,
Driving blizzard and blinding rain,
Creaking cable and grinding chain;
Powers of Hell for the night set free
Crying "Havoc!" o'er land and sea—
Ye who watch by the lantern's light
What of the night?

Glow of dawn in the Eastern sky,
Clouds that scatter and mists that fly,
Lark that sings on the cliff's green slope,
Consummation of night-long hope—
Ye who turn from the lantern's ray
What of the day?

M. D. B.

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WRECKERS AND RE-ACTIONARIES.

Mr. Lloyd George is roused to great indignation by the attacks now being made upon his Insurance Bill. During the Kilmarnock Burghs election the Insurance Bill has naturally been much discussed, and the Labour candidate and his supporters made drastic criticism of the measure. Mr. Lloyd George accordingly addressed to Mr. Gladstone, the Liberal candidate, a long letter defending the Insurance Bill and denouncing its critics, whom he charges with misrepresenting its provisions with the object of wrecking it. Mr. George's own letter was followed on the very next day by another on the same lines from the Chief Liberal Whip, with whom at that time he was holiday-making.

The situation is one of peculiar interest to supporters of the Conciliation Bill, who see in it a distinct case of "the bitter bit." For Mr. Lloyd George is alleging the use by his opponents of the very same tactics which he himself is employing with a view to destroying the Conciliation Bill. With the alteration of a word or two, his charges against the opponents of the Insurance Bill apply precisely to his own action where the Conciliation Bill is concerned. Thus, he describes the opposition to the Insurance Bill as "a conspiracy of wreckers and reactionaries." The term fits to a nicety the alliance which, for the purpose of defeating the Conciliation Bill, has been entered into by Anti-Suffragists and those who assert that the Conciliation Bill "does not go far enough." The existence of this conspiracy has been disclosed by the *Anti-Suffrage Review*, which has announced, in the most shameless manner, that the amendments which Mr. Lloyd George, the professing Suffragist, intends to promote will be supported in Committee by anti-suffrage votes in order that the Bill may be wrecked at third reading.

The following sentence from the Liberal Whip's letter, altered as indicated by brackets, serves as an admirable statement of the position:—

The avowed and professed opponents of [Woman Suffrage] are being helped to thwart the cause of progress by a wrecking section professing to be the friends of [women's emancipation].

The avowed opponents of the Conciliation Bill are represented by Sir Maurice Levy, Sir Frederick Banbury, and others; and the wrecking section consists, of course, of Mr. Lloyd George and of any others whom he can induce to support him in his policy.

Mr. Lloyd George declares that those whom he accuses of attempting to wreck the Insurance Bill are pursuing their object by means of misrepresentation and suppression of fact. We make precisely the same charge against those who would alter the Conciliation Bill to its destruction. Thus, they declare that the Conciliation Bill is undemocratic, that it gives an unfair advantage to rich women, and endows property at the expense of poverty. In these mis-statements they persist, in spite of all the evidence to the contrary which has been laid before them. That evidence shows

that of the million women to be enfranchised by the Conciliation Bill, 800,000 will be working women. Borrowing some sentences from Mr. Lloyd George's own letter on the Insurance Bill, we say:—

Why should these important facts be deliberately suppressed by our opponents? If this suppression of the truth is due to ignorance, fair play demands that they should read the Bill before criticising it. If it is due to malice, then their action in deliberately setting themselves by misrepresentation to rob the [women] of this country of [a measure which removes the disability of sex and enfranchises a large number of women, of whom the majority are of the working class] is a crime against the people.

If Mr. Lloyd George wishes the measure which he supports to be spared from opposition of a wrecking character, he must take care himself to refrain from the use of wrecking tactics. But, in our opinion, the criticism of the Insurance Bill which comes from so many quarters differs very widely from the reprehensible form of criticism directed by Mr. Lloyd George against the Conciliation Bill.

In the first place, the question of Votes for Women has been for half a century before the country. The alternative methods of settling it are not numerous, and have all been fully and publicly discussed in the House of Commons and outside. The Conciliation Bill was drafted after long, careful, and open consideration, by a representative committee of Parliamentarians, drawn from all political parties. The Bill has been discussed and accepted by the various Woman Suffrage Societies. It has been endorsed, and its enactment demanded, by the leading Municipal bodies of the country. The Insurance Bill is in totally different case. It is a huge, unwieldy and ill-digested measure, framed in secret, without preliminary discussion in the country or in Parliament, and without consultation with the people who have the first claim to be consulted. Not even the doctors, whose service is the very foundation of the scheme, were asked to express an opinion before the Bill was drafted, as was shown by their indignation when its provisions became known to them. The Women's Societies were not taken into consultation as to the manner in which an insurance scheme could best be carried out where women are concerned. Social Workers, Labour Leaders, and many others who are both qualified and entitled to express their views, were ignored. Certain Friendly Society officials were taken into counsel, but that seems to have been all. A Bill framed under these conditions was inevitably marred by grave and vital defects, and it is intolerable that when criticism is offered by people whose interests are at stake and whose experience gives them a claim to be heard, Mr. Lloyd George should refuse to hear them with patience. If he is being overwhelmed by criticisms and suggestions concerning his Bill, he has obviously only himself to blame.

Again, the Insurance Bill has the Government behind it, and since the opposition to changes in the Bill comes not from any source hostile to it, but from the Government themselves, who are its authors, they have the power, if they have the will, to make improvements in it. Therefore, those who seek to induce them to make these improvements ought not to be so glibly and hastily denounced as wreckers. The Conciliation Bill, on the other hand, is a private Members' measure, and consequently has not the stability of a Government measure, and has not behind it all the driving force which the Government, simply because they are the Government, can apply to measures of their own. Therefore, hostile criticism of the Conciliation Bill is particularly dangerous. It is on all accounts unjustified. The promoters of the Bill have taken the utmost pains to discover the views of Members in all parts of the House of Commons. They have done everything possible to meet beforehand any reasonable objection entertained by members of any Party to any particular form of Woman Suffrage; and they have ascertained by careful inquiry that any wide departure from the Conciliation Bill, such as Mr. Lloyd George is demanding, will wreck the measure, for the very simple and sufficient reason that the House of Commons contains no majority for it.

From now onwards, the chief work of the Women's Social and Political Union is to expose and defeat the campaign of wreckers and reactionaries to which Mr. Lloyd George has committed himself. We are confident that we shall succeed in this enterprise. At many points of crisis in the movement Mr. Lloyd George has set himself against us, but we have always been the victor. But if Mr. George should succeed in so dividing the friends of Woman Suffrage in the House of Commons as to wreck the Conciliation Bill, then this would necessitate a renewal of our demand that the Government themselves assume direct responsibility for giving votes to women, and instantly carry a Woman Suffrage measure of their own. We think it important to make this clear at the present early stage, because it is well that the wreckers and reactionaries should understand that the destruction of the Conciliation Bill would, instead of checking the Suffrage movement, add fuel to the flame of the agitation.

Christabel Pankhurst.

IS THE ENGLISH LAW UNJUST TO WOMEN?

By F. W. Pethick Lawrence, Barrister-at-law.

The following statement with regard to the position of women under the law provides a complete answer to the assertion frequently made by anti-Suffragists that "women have no grievances." On the other hand it makes no pretence to being exhaustive; an exhaustive statement would require far more space than is here available. It should further be realised that if every one of these grievances were removed, by Act of Parliament to-morrow, women would still need the vote, firstly, in order to secure themselves in the enjoyment of their rights, and, secondly, in order to give them the driving power to enable them to bring about such reforms in the care of children and young people, in the conduct of prisons, workhouses and asylums, and generally in the good government of the country as they in conjunction with men think desirable.

AS GIRL.

The State spends less money on the education of girls per head than it spends on the education of boys.

Moreover, it has permitted funds left for education generally to be employed for the almost exclusive use of boys.

There are no effective laws to check the white slave traffic.

Stealing a woman is liable to less punishment than stealing property.

The age of consent is fixed at sixteen.

Thus five years before a man or woman can be bound by signed contracts as to property, a girl can legally consent to her own dishonour. Moreover, even if she is under sixteen the man can often escape punishment by pleading that he thought she was over that age.

By the laws of intestacy "real estate" goes to sons before daughters.

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AS UNMARRIED WOMAN.

Women are excluded from many well paid occupations.

The factory laws (though protective in their nature) not infrequently operate to prevent women from working at quite suitable occupations. Thus many women florists, working comparatively short hours for fair wages, have been replaced by men because by the factory laws it is illegal to employ women late in the evening.

Again, the law in England permits certain bodies of men to exclude women from certain public callings, such as "the Bar" at which in nearly every other country women are allowed to practise.

In addition to the direct operation of the law women are largely excluded from good positions by the decision of the administrative departments of the Crown, which, as they are subject to the control of the House of Commons, are rightly included here. Nearly all well-paid Government appointments are confined to men, and even where women as well as men are appointed, they are completely outnumbered. Thus there are only 18 women factory inspectors to 170 men inspectors, and only 28 women school inspectors to about 350 men.

The State pays women less wages than men for the same work.

Women teachers receive about two-thirds the salaries of men teachers for identical work with the same qualifications, the same hours, and the same sized classes. Women factory inspectors can only reach a maximum of £550, while the maximum for men is £1,200. Similar figures apply to school inspectors, while another example of disparity of pay is provided by the Post Office.

Women employees of the State are underpaid, and women employees of the State's sub-contractors are sweated.

Among the worst cases are these in the Army Clothing Department. Where men are employed on Government work the conditions of their employment are safeguarded in accordance with a resolution of the House of Commons, but the resolution on account of the way it is worded affords no effective protection to women workers.

AS WIFE.

The marriage relationship is unequal.

In the marriage vows of the Established Church the woman, in addition to giving the same promises as her husband, promises "to obey," and the law enforces this in every detail of their married life. The husband alone has the right to decide where the home shall be, how it shall be kept, what servants they shall have, how the children shall be brought up, how they shall

be educated, what religion they shall have. He can even exchange his nationality for that of another country and force her to do the same. He can refuse her or compel her to be a mother at his pleasure. He can take away her savings. He can forbid her to undergo an operation which her doctor recommends and which she herself desires. And, though he is not allowed to-day to chastise her physically, those appointed to administer the law are wont to punish with the utmost leniency even the most brutal cases of assault by the husband on the wife. Of course, the great majority of husbands are far better than the law enjoins, but this is no more reason why the law should allow the husband such wide powers than if, because most men are honest, it was proposed to have no laws against theft.

The divorce laws are unequal.

Whereas the husband can free himself from the marriage bond by proving the unfaithfulness of his wife, she cannot obtain freedom except by proving, in addition to unfaithfulness, personal cruelty on his part to her.

The working-class wife has no effective claim to maintenance on her husband.

Nominally, a husband is bound to maintain his wife and equally a wife in possession of property is bound to maintain her husband. This can be put in force to some extent in the case of separation or where a woman has means enough to live away from her husband if he fails to maintain her. But if a working man while continuing to live with his wife refuses to give her anything for her maintenance she has no means to compel him to do so. All she can do is to break up her home and go into the workhouse with her children, when the guardians in their own interest will obtain money from him. If he deserts her and disappears she cannot set the law in motion to find him. If she finds him herself and secures a maintenance order she has no effective means of obtaining her money. The maintenance of wives by their husbands is necessary because women on marriage give up their means of earning an independent livelihood and embark on the unpaid work of taking care of the home.

The right of a wife to pledge her husband's credit while living with him is sometimes alleged in disproof of the above statement, but without foundation. The law on this matter is not a protection for the wife, but for the tradespeople who are entitled to assume *unless they know to the contrary* that she is his agent and has his authority for ordering goods for herself. The proof that it is not a right belonging to the wife lies in the fact that the husband by simply informing the tradespeople that they are not to give her credit can escape all responsibility.

The wife has no right to a share of money earned in common.

Not only has the wife who devotes her whole life to the duties of housekeeper and mother no claim to any part of her husband's means, but even where she is in reality his partner in business and has worked as hard, it may be harder, to make it a success the business is legally entirely his. She has no claim either to a salary or to any share in it. He can give it away or sell it and spend the money entirely on himself as he pleases.

She cannot reclaim income tax on her separate income.

The laws relating to income tax do not recognise the wife's separate income. She cannot therefore claim abatement where her income has been taxed at the source. The husband alone is entitled to make the claim and have the money refunded to him, and he cannot be compelled to hand it over to her.

Except in London the married woman is excluded from the Municipal Franchise.

The married woman is handicapped as trader.

The position of the married woman trader is sometimes quoted as an illustration of the favoured position of married women, because a married woman is not liable to be imprisoned for debt or for breach of fiduciary responsibility but is only liable to the extent of her separate estate. This may prove some advantage to a dishonest woman, but for the most part it acts as a handicap to an honest married woman who desires to engage in trade, for she finds in consequence that firms frequently refuse to accept her signature to a contract unless that of her husband is obtained at the same time. The law was not really made in the interests of women (else why should it apply only to married women?), but was a survival of the old law of coverture by which married women were supposed to be the property of their husband, and was intended to protect him from the loss of his wife's services and companionship.

AS MOTHER.

The Mother is not the Parent of Her Own Child.

This startling assertion is strictly legally correct. Provided the child was born in wedlock and the father

is alive, the law does not recognise the mother as a parent. She has no say as to its education, religion, domicile, vaccination, or any other matter. This is equally true of girls and boys, and cannot be voided by premarital agreement. Even after his death she may find her wishes for the future of her children subject to those of a guardian appointed in her husband's will.

The Father inherits from the Child to the exclusion of the Mother.

Where a child dies under age or intestate the whole of his or her property (provided he or she has no children) goes to the father, if alive. If there is no father, then the mother shares equally with the brothers and sisters in the "personal" property, but she has no share of the "real" property, all of which goes to her deceased husband's relatives.

AS WIDOW.

The Law permits a Man to leave by will all his Money away from his Wife and leave her penniless.

This is a serious hardship where she has devoted her life to her duties as mother and housekeeper; it is still more strikingly unjust where she has by her industry assisted him to build up his business. Such is frequently the case with small shopkeepers and others.

If the Husband dies Intestate the Widow is treated worse than the Widower on the death of his wife.

A widower takes the whole of his intestate wife's "personal" property, and has a life interest in her "real" estate (freeholds).

A widow, if there are children, only takes one third of the personal property and none of his "real" estate. If there are no children she first obtains £500, beyond that she takes none of his "real" property and only half his "personal" property, the other half going to the husband's next of kin, or failing them to the Crown.

W.S.P.U. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Mrs. Pankhurst's American Tour.

Two years ago Mrs. Pankhurst conducted a most successful lecturing tour in America—a tour that has done much to cement the bond between the American Suffragette and her British sister, and to enlighten the public as to the truth about the Woman's Movement in England. Mrs. Pankhurst is now about to visit America again, and will leave Waterloo Station for Southampton on Wednesday, October 4, at 9.45 a.m. During her tour she will address meetings as follows:—Brooklyn, New York, October 17; at the Woman's Suffrage Convention, Kentucky, October 18 or 19; Cleveland, Ohio, October 20; Baltimore, probably October 30; St. Louis, November 3, and Toronto on December 12.

Farewell to Mrs. Pankhurst.

The first London afternoon meeting of the season, to be held at the London Pavilion, Piccadilly Circus, W., on Monday, October 2, at 3 for 3.15 p.m., will take the form of a farewell to Mrs. Pankhurst on her departure for America. As this will be the only opportunity members will have of hearing her for some time, they are asked to make the meeting widely known, and to see that everyone brings a friend. The other speakers will be Mr. George Lansbury, M.P., Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Miss Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B. The Steinway Hall evening meetings will be resumed on Thursday, October 5, at 8 p.m., when the speakers will be Miss Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B., and others. These meetings are free and are held every week in London and in all centres where the W.S.P.U. is represented. See pages 821 to 823.

Mrs. Pankhurst at Woking.

Mrs. Pankhurst will address a meeting at the Public Hall, Woking, on Monday evening, October 2, at 8.15 p.m., when Miss Ethel Smyth, Mus. Doc., will take the chair. Lady Sybil Smith has kindly consented to sing "The March of the Women." Tickets, price 2s. 6d., 1s., and 6d. (unreserved), may be had of Mr. J. Comber, Chertsey Road; Messrs. Maxwell, Mendelssohn House, Guildford Road; and the *Woking News and Mail Office*, Chertsey Road. All further particulars may be obtained from the local Secretary, Mrs. Skipwith, Gorse Cottage, Hook Heath.

Albert Hall Meeting, November 16.

Members are reminded that the date of the Albert Hall meeting, Thursday, November 16, is gradually drawing nearer, and that it is time for them to come forward and take tickets on sale or return. This meeting promises to be a most momentous one, as it is likely to be the last Albert Hall meeting before the Conciliation Bill is again before the House of Commons. It is, therefore, important that outsiders who have never been to a meeting of this kind before should be present, and as they can only obtain tickets through members, members will realise how essential it is they should give some time to preparing for this meeting. The fact that Mr. Ellis Griffiths, M.P., Leader of Welsh Party, has kindly consented to speak, is one of great interest. Tickets—prices, Stalls, 2s. 6d.; Arena, Blocks A and F, 2s. (these have now been sold out); Blocks B, C, D, and E, 1s.; Balcony, first two rows, 1s.; other rows, 6d.; Upper Orchestra, 6d.; Boxes, £1 10s. 0d., £1 1s. 0d., and 12s. 6d.—may be had of Miss Cooke, Ticket Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clement's Inn, Strand, W.C.

The Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C.

The amusing imaginary Anti-Suffrage speech by the Rev. Marie Jenney, which appeared in a recent issue of *VOTES FOR WOMEN*, has now been published in leaflet form, title: "Do Not Give Women the Vote!" It may be had from the *Woman's Press*, 9d. per 100, 6s. per 1,000 post free.

CHRISTMAS FAIR AND FÊTE.

December 4 to 9.

"Well, what news of the Cause?" friends (not workers) are asking us continually. "The Christmas Fair and Fête at the Portman Rooms from December 4 to 9," is our invariable answer; "that is the immediate work before us!" More than two years have passed since the great bazaar was held in the Prince's Skating Rink. Since that most successful undertaking many things have happened. Two Suffrage Bills have passed their Second Reading by unprecedented majorities; three great Suffrage Processions have marched through the heart of London; and a monster Demonstration has been held in Hyde Park. Many times has the Albert Hall been packed by great and enthusiastic audiences; and thousands of indoor and outdoor meetings have been held up and down the country. All these things testify to the deep and growing demand for the political enfranchisement of women. We ask all who want to have a share in this great event to send in their names at once to Miss Olive Smith, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

STALLS AND STALL SECRETARIES.

ART AND CRAFT STALL	Miss Blacklock, 308, King's Road, Chelsea.	LEADLESS GLAZE (China)	Mrs. Penn Gaskell, 215, High Road, Kilburn.
ANTIQUARY STALL	Mrs. Thomas, Llanwenarth, Newport, Mon.	LACE, EMBROIDERY, & ART METAL WORK	Miss Florence E. Cobb, 8, North St., Quadrant, Brighton.
BASKETS AND BAGS	Miss Nan Walters, 37, Queen's Road, Clifton, Bristol.	MANY INVENTIONS	Mrs. Mansel, Bayford Lodge, Wincanton, Somerset.
BLOUSE STALL	Miss Jessie Pease, 317, Goswell Road, E.C.	MILLINERY	Mrs. Reginald Pitt, 11, Scarsdale Villas, Kensington.
BOOK STALL	Miss Crates, 143, Church Street, Notting Hill Gate, W.	OLD FOLK'S STALL	Mrs. Keeling, 24, Bishop's Wars, Fulham S.W.
CHRISTMAS FAIR AND FARM PRODUCE FLOWERS	Mrs. Marshall, 58, York Street, Buckingham Gate, S.W.	POTTERY AND CHINTZ	Mrs. Hicks, 178, Finchley Road, Hampstead.
CUSHIONS AND MATS (of all descriptions)	The Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, 10, Prad Street, Paddington.	PARCEL STALL (including paper, net and string bags)	Miss Hilda Gargett, 4, St. Leonard's Green, N.
CHILDREN'S CLOTHING (1 to 8 years)	Mrs. Lammie Yates, 3, Victoria Crescent, Broadway, Wimbledon.	PRESENTS FOR MEN	Miss Billing, 37, Madeira Park, Tisbury, Wilt.
CAKES, BREAD, AND REFORM FOOD	Miss Billinghurst, 7, Oakfield Road, Blackheath, S.E.	SOAP, SCENT, & HAND-KERCHIEFS	Miss Alice E. Worsfold, 45, Bouverie Road, West, Folkestone.
CURIOUS AND BRIO-A-BRAO	Miss Willson, 31, Ambleside Avenue, Streatham, S.W.	SWEET STALL	Miss Muriel Thompson, 45, Queen's Gate, S.W. (1st 3 days).
DRESSES, DUBBAHS, & OVERALLS	Miss Dorothy Peibick, 14, Bowling Green Street, Leicester.	TOY STALL	Mrs. Cathers, Red Cottage, Cavendish Road, Redhill (2nd 3 days).
GUESSING AND COMPETITION	Mrs. Cameron-Swan, 2, Station Bldg., W. Croydon.	UNDERCLOTHING	Miss Leonora Tyson, 5, Shrubbery Road, Streatham, S.W.
HOUSE LINEN	Miss M. Phillips, 53, Great George Street, Leam.	WELSH STALL	Miss Nelly Crocker, 6, Carlton Street, Nottingham.
HOUSEHOLD AND FURNISHING (Kitchen utensils, small articles of furniture)	Mrs. Impey, 2, Whitbush Road, Hitchin, Herts.	WOOLLEN STALL	Mrs. Jackson, 11, Llan-sar, Caerleon, Mon.
JEWELLERY AND GLASS	Miss Bertha Ryland, 97, John Bright Street, Birmingham.	SPECIAL COLOUR STALL (LITERATURE "VOTES FOR WOMEN")	Miss Flitman, 6, Oriol Road, Cheltenham.

Members and friends will be glad to know that Mrs. Pertwee has most kindly undertaken the entertainments. Further particulars will be given later.

The size of stall signs are to be two feet by three feet. They will be painted on both sides. Miss Billinghurst, 7, Oakfield Road, Blackheath, wants promises for the Cake, Bread, and Reform Food Stall. Biscuits and gingerbread in the old-fashioned fair style—shaped of animals, political caricatures, &c.—particularly welcome. The colours should be displayed wherever possible in the icing, &c.

Mrs. Powell, Roseleigh, Penzance, gratefully acknowledges: Mrs. Bache, £1; Miss Mountstephen, 1s.; promises of work from Mrs. Brown and Miss Bootle-Scott; Mrs. Powell, 15s. for work materials.

Miss Leonora Tyson, 5, Shrubbery Road, Streatham, writes:—It will be a great help if friends who are working for the Toy Stall will write and inform me, at least approximately, of the kind of toys they are making, and how much they hope to contribute. Members unable to make or give toys are asked instead to supply the following articles for exchange:—(1) Blouses; (2) lace and metal work; (3) Christmas fare, i.e., plum puddings, mince pies, pickles, jams, etc.; (4) sweets (these will not be required until the first week in December, but promises are needed at once). Many thanks to all who have responded to last week's appeal for materials for doll dressing: more beads, gloves, pieces of lace and frilling, etc., are still required. Suggestions and patterns for home-made toys for little boys are especially invited. Members who would like to steward at the stall should send in their names to Miss Tyson soon. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Bentley McLeod, 2s. towards expenses.

Mrs. Worsfold, 45, Bouverie Road West, Folkestone, secretary for Canterbury and South Kent, appeals for gifts of soap, scent, and handkerchiefs, but especially for donations to the Shilling Fund, on which she must largely depend for furnishing the stall. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Watter (per Miss Key), £1; Miss Wilson, £1; Miss Macaulay, £1; Miss Alice Osborne, 2s.; Miss Howes, 2s.; Miss Burch, St. Sepulchre's, Canterbury, has kindly consented to act as Canterbury Bazaar Secretary. If they find it more convenient, Canterbury members can send their gifts and donations to her, and she will forward them to Miss Worsfold.

Mrs. Hicks and Miss Collier, 178, Finchley Road, report that two work parties will be held weekly—on Tuesday afternoons, 3 to 5, and Friday evenings, 8 to 10. These will begin the first week in October, and members are asked to keep one time or the other free weekly for this work, as it will need the help of all to stock the stalls.

Mrs. Cocksedge, 12, Foxbourne Road, reports that at the work party on Saturday, Mrs. Grubb very kindly arranged to have the next one on Thursday, at her house, 21, Oulverden Road, from 3 to 6 p.m. Will members kindly note that another work party will be held at 12, Foxbourne Road, on Saturday, October 7, from 3 to 6 p.m. Gratefully acknowledged for Shilling Fund: Miss Havers, 1s.; Mrs. D. J. Cocksedge, 1s. Best thanks to those kind friends who have sent materials for dressing dolls, and also to those members who are working.

Miss Haigh and Miss Blacklock, 308, King's Road, will be glad to receive promises for the Chelsea Stall Fair. All kinds of artistic goods will be acceptable, as it is not only the Art Stall but Crafts as well. Hand-made goods will be most suitable, or money gifts for the purchase of goods. Miss Kathleen Streetfield has kindly volunteered to do lightening sketches: those who saw her work at the Prince's Skating Rink will look forward to having their portraits done by her. The names of other artists who will help in this work will be welcome.

Miss Crocker and Miss Roberts, 5, Carlton Street, Nottingham, report that a good start has been made with the Work Party Fund both in money and goods. One member is giving £25 worth of garments, another 10s. of material to make up, and is also ordering flannel at wholesale price. Sewing meetings are being started at Ilkeston, the first to be held by kind invitation of Miss Lewis on October 10 at the White House. Gratefully acknowledged: Dr. Roache, £1.

Members will be pleased to hear that the News

Political Union are undertaking the Fair section. There will be "All the fun of the Fair"; there will be amusement for all—men, women and children. Below some of the features of this section are enumerated, and the Secretary, Mr. A. Macdonald, 15, Buckingham Street, Strand, earnestly appeals for donations—either monetary or in kind—of any of the articles mentioned. Christmas Tree Hoop-la.—For this two dozen wooden rings, four inches in diameter, are required, and also articles on which to throw the rings—small boxes of chocolates, bottles of sweets, and other small nick-nacks. Care must be taken as to the size of these articles—the limit being such that a ring of 4-inch diameter can fit over them. Members who know anything of conjuring are asked to communicate with the secretary, who will consider carefully any suggestions received. Then for the Punch and Judy show, the services of a member have been promised, but the usual hut is needed. Later on the dolls will be required and also another performer, one who could attend about 4 to 6 p.m., so that there might be at least two performances daily. It is proposed to have a roundabout, but as yet nothing definite has been decided; information as to where to obtain one not more than 10 ft. diam. and 11 ft. high will be welcome. In conjunction with the Croydon W.S.P.U. there will be a Shooting Range; for this the loan of four good air-guns, 10 lbs. of slugs, 300 targets with ¼ in. bull and a metal sheet range are needed. Helpers are required for all the above schemes. It is hoped that members will offer their services for at least part of each day. Those who cannot give their services can send a substitute or a donation. All communications should be addressed to the Fête and Fair Secretary.

Miss C. A. L. Marsh, 4, Pelham Road, Portsmouth, will be glad to receive contributions towards the "Leadless Glaze" Stall from Hampshire and Isle of Wight members. Although the stall is being shared with the N.W. London Union a large sum of money must be raised locally.

Mrs. Penn Gaskell, 215, High Road, Kilburn, writes that more help is needed, and that suggestions are invited.

The Woman's Press will contribute, in all, five stalls. One of them will be a special Colour Stall from which will be sold all kinds of miscellaneous articles, tea, cigarettes, ribbons, badges, brooches and souvenirs, etc., in Purple, White, and Green. Another will be devoted entirely to Christmas Cards and Calendars, all specially designed for the W.S.P.U. and executed in the colours. A third stall will be stocked with the publications of the Woman's Press and with all kinds of Suffrage literature unique. From this stall and from this stall only will be sold postcards and photographs—many of them signed of the Leaders of the Union. Last but not least are the two VOTES FOR WOMEN stalls. From these stalls not only will the paper be sold but advertisements and subscriptions will also be taken and any questions with regard to the paper generally can be discussed.

For the Wimbledon Stall four competitions are now open:—

1. Baby's White Pinafore. Entrance, 3d. Materials not to exceed 2s. Prize, 5s.
2. Baby's White Robe and Petticoat. Entrance, 6d. Total length, 36 inches. Materials not to exceed 6s. Prize, 10s.
3. Baby's Ditty. Materials not to exceed 10s. Prize 15s.
4. Baby's First Short White Frock. Entrance, 6d. Materials not to exceed 5s. Prize, 7s. 6d.

Each competition is subject to a minimum of twenty entries. Garments to be in by October 15. Points will be given for original reform designs and workmanship. Prizes to be taken out in stall goods during fair and fete. Application for entries should be made at once to Miss Nuthall, Holly Lodge, Kingston-on-Thames.

A box of various articles which have been made in Ceylon by the natives has been received from Mrs. B. H. Lock and Miss Clara Sidney Woolf. No article should be sold from any stall except as clear profit to the funds of the Union, and no agreement with manufacturers or others as to percentages can under any circumstances be allowed.

MISS GOLDSTEIN IN IRELAND.

Miss Goldstein, who is on holiday in Ireland, addressed a most successful meeting in the Clarence Hall, Imperial Hotel, Cork, on Thursday, September 21. There was a large audience, and her address was followed throughout with the closest attention. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Munster Women's Suffrage League, and Mrs. Penrose, of Lismore Castle, presided, in the unavoidable absence of the president, Miss Somerville. Miss Day, the hon. secretary of the League, explained its objects and the reasons why women want the vote, and Miss Goldstein, who was received with applause, dealt with her experience of Woman Suffrage in Australia. Her address made a great impression on those who were present. Mrs. Rentoul Brown worked most indefatigably to organise a meeting at Bandon, and the entire work fell upon her and her two daughters. Miss Goldstein was again the speaker, and at the conclusion of her address Mr. John Walsh, M.P., in seconding the vote of thanks, proposed by the Rev. — Brown, said that "hitherto he had only refrained from voting against the Conciliation Bill, but owing to the invincible logic and sound reasoning contained in Miss Goldstein's address, he thought in future he must support it. He had never realised before how strong a case the women had." At each meeting new members joined. Other meetings have been arranged in Waterford, and by the Belfast Women's Suffrage Society.

MRS. MARGARET MURPHY.

Our readers are reminded that a petition for the release of Margaret Murphy can be signed at the General Offices, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C. It will be remembered that Mrs. Murphy was reprieved from the death sentence to which she was condemned for the murder of her child, and it is urged that the woman's state of absolute destitution, the great hardships which she had suffered, and her exceedingly feeble state of health at the time were sufficient to render her incapable of judging calmly and sanely of her actions. Among the signatures already received are those of the Mayor of Reading: the Deputy Mayor of Newbury; Alfred Jackson, J.P.; E. Lemendon, J.P.; Fred C. Hopson, J.P.; Richard Hickman, J.P.; Fred J. Coldicott, J.P.; Henry J. Midwinter, J.P.; J. Rankin, J.P. Members are urged to do their utmost to make this petition a large and representative one. Forms may be had from Miss Lennox, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.

CLARA JONES.

From the *Wolverhampton Chronicle* of September 20 we learn that at an inquest on Clara Jones, aged four months, it was stated that the mother, who was not in a fit state to take care of the child, being in very feeble health, was sent to Stafford Gaol for four months for neglecting her children. The father was sentenced to one month. The child died in prison.

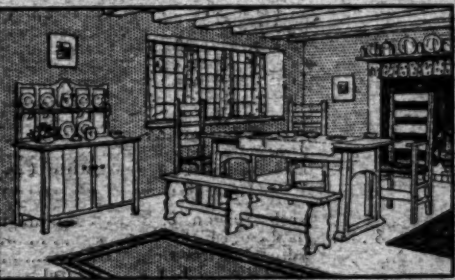
VOTES FOR WOMEN IN BRAILLE.

In response to a paragraph in VOTES FOR WOMEN on VOTES FOR WOMEN for the Blind, so many applications have come to the lady who was so generously undertaking it that she is unable to supply further copies. It is therefore useless for any further requests to be sent in, but if any readers able to spare time to help in this most useful work will volunteer we shall be glad to hear from them.

Lectures will be given at the London School of Economics, on "The General Will" (by Mr. Dickinson, on Friday, October 6, at 8.15 p.m.), and "The Franchise: Its Anomalies and Their Cure" (by Mr. Disney, on Tuesday, October 10, at 8.15 p.m.)—both free. Miss Mabel Atkinson, M.A., will lecture at King's College for Women on Tuesdays at 6 p.m., commencing October 10, on Economic History.

EXHIBITION OF MODERN HOUSE BUILDING AND FURNISHING AT GIDEA PARK, ROMFORD.

When they wish to be particularly crushing, and to give a note of finality to vague harangues purporting to be arguments against Woman Suffrage, anti-suffragists tell us that the feminine demand for political enfranchisement is outrageous because "woman's sphere is the home." Now, anyone who understands at all the spirit of the woman's movement



The Dining Room of a Model Cottage.

knows perfectly well that it is in the interests of that very "home" that the fight for the vote is being carried on. No one is more keen about the home than the Suffragette. And to her must be of special interest the exhibition of modern house building and town-planning which, until Saturday, September 30, is being held at Gidea Park, Romford. This exhibition is held to demonstrate the excellent results which can be obtained when skilful architects are employed to build the new "garden-suburbs" of London. There are altogether 150 houses; some are charming maisonettes, which can be built at a cost of £500, and others are cottages which only cost £375 to erect. They have been built with a view not only to providing a strong effect, but also with the idea of securing the maximum of comfort with the minimum of cost and trouble. Here are staircases built without those tiresome winding corners so difficult to brush and so perilous for the little ones. There is a tiny cottage kitchen

THE CAMPAIGN IN CALIFORNIA.

On October 10 the State of California will ballot on the question whether women may be allowed to vote. Every woman in California, says the New York correspondent of the *Standard*, is alert, and every suffragist has been working energetically for weeks to ensure success for the cause. It will be the second time California has voted on this question. The previous ballot resulted in defeat for the suffragists. The largest sum received from one person during self-denial week was £15. One woman sent a shilling, explaining that she had saved this amount from her own luncheons and from not going to a Saturday matinee moving picture show, which had been her one diversion. A number of men pledged themselves to give 10 per cent of their monthly salary. Postal cards were sent by the general committee to 60,000 women, asking co-operation in the raising of money, and a large sum was realised. A State fair was held at the capital, Sacramento, last month, and the women took advantage of it to canvass for votes. They ran a special railway train from San Francisco and called it "The Yellow Streak"; it was decorated with suffrage banners and loaded with effective speakers, who organised meetings in Sacramento and distributed literature. The strongest speech for the suffragists was made in San Francisco, from which the following extract is taken:—

"The only reason why I have the right to vote is purely one of accident. It is because I was born a boy instead of a girl," said Lees Gates, a State Senator, before a meeting of the Votes for Women Club of San Francisco. "For the 130 years that have elapsed since the Declaration of Independence, the truth of that declaration has been defied and denied in not giving the women the ballot with men. The preamble of the Constitution has included yet excluded women in 'We, the people of the United States'; and since the adoption of the Constitution men have proceeded with the Government as though women were not in existence. Man is not granting a favour to woman in giving her the ballot; he is restoring a usurped right. If the argument is used that men are physically stronger, and that force is a necessity in winning political fights, then over half the men who are voting would be relegated to the human scrap heap, and the prize-fighters and strong arms would have the Government in their own hands."

ITALIAN WOMEN SUFFRAGISTS.

The following is translated from the *Tribuna* (Rome), of September 16:—

In the beginning of October a Votes for (Italian) Women Conference will take place in Turin. It has been promoted and prepared by a committee of ladies, the president being Signora Emilia Mariana. The promoters maintain that the question of Votes for Women, so hotly debated abroad, is of present-day interest in Italy now that the Chamber is about to discuss electoral reform. Considering the intellectual and propagandist activity of the distinguished lady-promoters, the importance of the subject under discussion, and the time and occasion of holding, the conference will be an event of special importance; one to which the *Tribuna* will not fail to lend itself most abundantly and impartially.

Bravo, *Tribuna*!

Once again, apparently, the Congregational Union is going to ignore the Women's Question. There is no mention of it in the programme of the assembly next month at Nottingham. A resolution in favour of the Conciliation Bill would surely have been appropriate. The Government are under pledge to give the Bill consideration.—*Christian Commonwealth*.

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OUR POST BOX.

PROFESSOR DICEY AND WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors,—I have just read Professor Dacey's letter in your issue of September 22. The explanation he offers is a singularly unfortunate one. He "cannot be sure that the words you have cited are an accurate report of what he said." The worst part of the explanation is, however, the final one. Professor Dacey says that "the explanation of your misapprehension is that the expression he used referred not to the movement in favour of votes for women, but to the mode of agitation by which that movement has been disgraced on the part of the Suffragettes." It amounts to this, then: That Professor Dacey's remarks can be read as originally quoted with the addition of one word as follows:—"The militant suffrage agitation is not a decent agitation; it is not a respectable agitation; it is not an agitation which a good man or woman would carry on." So does he stigmatise the many great and honourable names associated with the militant movement. He says that with regard to the "fighting Suffragettes" he has "nothing to explain, he has nothing to retract." For his own sake, it will certainly be wise if in future he refrains from either explaining or retracting. Such rash and irresponsible assertions can do no harm to the Suffrage cause, nor to those men and women who, by militant or non-militant methods, are working for it, but they may do considerable harm to Professor Dacey.—Yours, etc.,

CONSTITUTIONAL METHODS.

Dorset.

THE N.U.T. AND VOTES.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors,—May I remind all Suffragist N.U.T. members that at the next quarterly meetings of the local associations throughout the country a resolution of sympathy with the unfranchised women teachers is to be presented for discussion, with a view of being placed on the agenda at the next Easter Conference at Hull. This resolution is the one which Mr. Allen Croft wished to bring forward at Aberystwyth last Easter, when he was howled down by the men delegates. We were all indignant with the scant courtesy accorded to our friend and champion, and disgusted with the men for refusing fair play for such a mild expression of sympathy with their women colleagues. The initiative now comes from the N.U.T. Executive, where Suffragists have some staunch friends. These good friends, however, are helpless unless we do something effective to help ourselves, and now is the time. Let us put our shoulders to the wheel, and see that this resolution is passed at every local association meeting throughout the country. All engagements should be sacrificed in order that Suffragist and sympathetic N.U.T. members may be present on this important occasion. Remember, "votes of women" are needed at these meetings to help those Executive members who are upholding this principle of human justice symbolised in "votes for women," and absentees cannot support the resolution by their vote, however deep their sympathy. "Deeds, not words," must be our motto. By the time this letter is in print, some of the meetings will already have taken place, but numerous other quarterly meetings will be held at an early date. Time and place of meeting will be sent in due course to all N.U.T. members by their Local N.U.T. Association Secretary. Let all sympathisers and declared Suffragists make it a point of honour to back the resolution by their presence and vote.—Yours, etc.,

FLORENCE M. RUSSELL.

HOPEFUL OUTLOOK IN SWEDEN.

A correspondent writes:—"The general election in Sweden has resulted in a complete victory for the Liberals. The resignation of the present Conservative Prime Minister is expected this week; with him will fall a Cabinet indifferent, if not actually hostile, to the Suffrage movement. The man whom rumour points to as Herr Lindman's probable successor is known to be one of the staunchest friends of the women. He and the Cabinet to be formed by him can be trusted to push the question of Women's Suffrage to a satisfactory issue. It was owing to the unfavourable attitude of the Conservatives that the Swedish National Union for Women's Suffrage decided to abandon their non-party politics for this occasion, and to throw themselves into the election campaign in the Liberal interest. This decision led to much adverse criticism, but events have amply justified the action of the Union. Never before have women taken so active a part in an election, and never before have they so conclusively proved themselves a force to be reckoned with. Their influence has been felt all over the country. The results show that their work has been crowned with success. It is confidently expected that the enfranchisement of women in Sweden will date from the lifetime of the now elected Parliament."

THE IRISH UNION OF SUFFRAGE SOCIETIES.

At the meeting of the Committee of the Irish Women's Suffrage and Local Government Association, held at 35, Molesworth Street, Dublin, on September 14, it was unanimously decided that, under existing circumstances, a union of Irish suffrage societies was impracticable, and that the Associations can work more effectively by acting independently. It was also reported that the Bill enabling women to be elected as members of Borough and County Councils had passed through all its stages in the House of Commons, and that there was every prospect of its finally passing during the Autumn Session.

Mrs. Sheehy Skeffington, of the Irish Women's Franchise League, Dublin, writes that the I.W.F.L. are not taking any part in the formation of the Irish Union of Suffrage Societies, though always prepared to enter into friendly co-operation with other Irish suffrage societies, and to speak on common platforms.

CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

Everywhere helpers are needed—home workers for the Christmas Fair and Fête, weekly workers for the sewing meetings, paper-sellers, shop-minders, and workers of all kinds. Who will come forward?

W.S.P.U. General Offices: 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.

BALHAM & TOOTING.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Cocksedge, 12, Foxbourne Road. Helpers are needed for paper-selling. At present the work falls on two devoted helpers, Mrs. York and Mrs. Robb, but they cannot go on unless others come forward. It is hoped there will be an immediate response to this appeal. See Christmas Fair and Fête for work party plans.

BARNET.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Susan Watt, 13, Stratford Road. Members are reminded that there are three definite objects to be concentrated on this autumn—the Even Hall meeting on October 24, the canvass of women householders, and the Christmas Fair and Fête. Twenty workers are needed most urgently for the canvass; eight have already volunteered. Members are asked to call at above address this week for handbills of Even Hall meeting for distribution. Those members who cannot do outside work are asked to help at home towards the Hertfordshire stall. Gratefully acknowledged.—Miss Helen Jay, 58.

BOWES PARK AND DISTRICT.

Hon. Organiser—Miss H. Gargett, 4, Stenard Rd., Palmer's Green. Please note that open-air meetings will be held at Alderman's Hill, Palmer's Green, on Saturday evenings (see programme). The organiser will be glad if members will make these meetings widely known and also come themselves and bring friends.

CAMBERWELL AND DULWICH.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. J. D. Westbrook, 65, Calton Road, Dulwich Village, S.E. Miss Naylor's meeting on Pucham Rye on Sunday was most successful. Members are requested to help the Streatham stall for the Christmas Fair in dressing dolls and making toys.

CHELSEA, BATTERSEA, KENSAL TOWN.

Shop and Office—308, King's Road. Hon. Secs.—Miss Haig and Miss Blacklock. Will all members help in some way with the campaign among women householders? The secretary will be glad if members will call at the office for the special letters, and renew the work that was started before the summer holidays. More goods are needed for the Jumble Sale, which will now take place the last week in October. Gifts of left-off clothing, crockery-ware, books, household furniture, &c., should be sent to the office as soon as possible. Paper-selling has commenced, and more helpers are wanted. A most successful meeting was held in Battersea Park on Sunday, Sept. 17, when Miss Nina Boyle made a splendid speech, and held a large and interested crowd. These meetings, which were started in May, have, through the energy of Miss Medwin, been held every Sunday. The expense of the lorry has to be met, and subscriptions towards this will be welcome. Battersea members, please help!

CHORLEY WOOD (HERTS).

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. H. M. Offer, "Home Cot." The hon. sec. will be glad to receive the shillings and the profits made on them from those members and friends who joined the Shilling Fund in aid of Local Expenses. Mrs. Bradley is congratulated on coming in an easy first, having made 20 shillings grow out of 2s. during a visit to Ireland.

CLAPHAM.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Strong, 64, Elspeth Road, Lavender Hill, S.W. A most successful meeting was held last Sunday on Clapham Common. Miss Baillie Guthrie was the speaker. A good plan was adopted by those who

asked questions, contributing one penny to the collection box for each question answered. All papers were sold. Members and friends are earnestly invited to attend Tuesday's meeting (see programme) to discuss plans for a social meeting to be held shortly. Only a few Albert Hall tickets are left. Will those who require any apply to the sec., immediately. Thanks to Miss Baillie Guthrie for sixpence travelling expenses returned.

CROYDON.

Office—2, Station Buildings, West Croydon. Tel. 989 Croydon (Nat.). Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Cameron-Swan and Miss Leslie Hall.

Mrs. Withall, who is organising the tea for the Dutch Market, makes an urgent appeal for contributions of cakes, biscuits, etc.; promises to be sent in to 49, Broughton Road, Thornton Heath. Volunteers for Poster Parades advertising the Market are wanted for tomorrow, Saturday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday next. Gratefully acknowledged.—Mrs. Foster, fancy work. Miss Hazel Inglis, 65, Miss Isabel Green, 4s. 2d.; Miss Jones and Friends, 6s. Helpers for decorating etc., wanted in the Braithwaite Hall on the morning of October 7. A stall has been started in Surrey Street on Saturday, from 3 p.m. onwards, for sale of literature, etc. Helpers badly wanted. Excellent propaganda can be done here in this way.

EALING.

Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Finlay, 35, Warwick Road. Mrs. Fraser Forbes, 72, Argyle Road.

On Sunday last the last of a series of most successful outdoor meetings was held. Miss Jacobs was the speaker, and H. L. Jackson, Esq., took the chair. Hearty thanks to all those members who helped to make them so popular. The next piece of work is the committee meeting to discuss indoor meetings, drawing-rooms, and work parties for the Christmas Fête. Members are asked not to forget the Jumble Sale, which comes off in October, and to notify Mrs. Finlay, 35, Warwick Road, who will have parcels collected. Thanks to Miss S. A. Turle, Mrs. Webster, and Mrs. Martenson for parcels already received, and to Mrs. Frances, who has kindly lent her room for the sale.

FULHAM AND PUTNEY.

Shop—905, Fulham Road. Hon. Secs.—Miss L. Cullen and Mrs. Roberts. Gratefully acknowledged:—Miss Sales 2s. 6d. towards Christmas Fête expenses; Miss Petherick 3s. (shop rent) and promise of 10s. worth of goods. Will members please volunteer as helpers at the Jumble Sale on Saturday, October 7, from 2 to 9. Contributions will be much appreciated.

GREENWICH, DEPTFORD & WOOLWICH.

Hon. Sec.—Miss R. M. Billingham, 7, Oakcroft Road, Blackheath, S.E. Miss Pankhurst's Woolwich Town Hall meeting, on October 17, has been unavoidably postponed. Date will be announced later. More Jumble parcels are needed, and should be sent to Miss Billingham as soon as possible.

HACKNEY.

Office—73, Lower Clapton Road. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. F. W. Jones, 39, Pembury Road.

On Wednesday, September 20, Miss Bonwick had a good outdoor meeting at Uxbridge Road, and on Saturday there was a pleasant gathering of members and friends at the above address. It has been arranged to hold meetings at Hackney Baths every Friday evening at 8, during October. As this is quite a new feature, friends living near are specially asked to attend and help to make the meetings successful. The secretary will be glad to receive Jumble Sale goods.

HAMPSTEAD.

Shop and Office—178, Finchley Road. Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Hicks and Miss C. Collier. The Sale last week realised over £10. Many thanks to those members whose work contributed to this gratifying result. Mrs. John Gulich has kindly undertaken to superintend the canvass of women municipal voters; she will need a large band of workers to carry through this important piece of work, and offers of help will be gladly received. Albert Hall tickets are

LONDON MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK.

September.			
Friday, 29	Croydon, Katherine Street	Mrs. Cather, Miss Hardy	8 p.m.
" "	High Burnet, Market Place	Miss Haslam	8 p.m.
" "	Stratford, The Grove	Miss Elsa Myers	8 p.m.
" "	Streatham, 37, Drewstead Road	Sewing Party	3 to 6 p.m.
" "	Sydenham, High Street	Miss Bala. Chair: Miss Downing	8 p.m.
" "	Woolwich, Elnor Road	Miss Gibbs	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 30	Harlesden, Manor Park Road	Miss Lennox	8 p.m.
" "	Ilford, Balfour Road	Miss Hopkins. Chair: Miss Meakin	8 p.m.
" "	Islington, Prebend Street	Whist Drive	7.30 p.m.
" "	Lewisham, Mamma Mead, The Grove, Blackheath	Miss Gibson. Chair: Miss Hilda Gargett	7.30 p.m.
" "	Palmer's Green, Alderman's Hill	Miss Kelly	7.30 p.m.
" "	Walthamstow, Foot of Second Avenue	Miss Naylor	7.30 p.m.
" "	Wandsworth, near Council House	Miss Gwen Richard, Miss Fagg	7 p.m.
" "	Wimbledon, Broadway	Miss Elsa Myers	7.30 p.m.
" "	Woolwich, Elnor Road		
October.			
Sunday, 1	Battersea Park	Miss Hicks, M.A.	3 p.m.
" "	Brookwell Park	Miss Naylor	3 p.m.
" "	Clapton, Tram Terminus	Miss L. Tyson. Chair: Mrs. Bouvier	6.30 p.m.
" "	Clapham Common	Miss E. Myers	3 p.m.
" "	Hampstead Heath	Mrs. Drummond	11.30 a.m.
" "	Hyde Park	Victor Duval, Esq., Hugh A. Franklin, Esq., Thornton B. Jones, Esq.	3.30 p.m.
" "	Streatham Common	Miss Tyson	3 p.m.
" "	Wimbledon Common	Miss Emily W. Davison	3 p.m.
Monday, 2	London Pavilion, Piccadilly Circus, W.	Mrs. Pankhurst, Mrs. Pettick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B., Mr. G. Lansbury, M.P.	3 to 5 p.m.
" "	West Croydon, 2, Station Buildings	Working Party	8 p.m.
" "	Clapham, 84, Elspeth Road	Workers Meeting	8 p.m.
" "	Baling, 35, Warwick Road	Speakers Meeting	8 p.m.
" "	Hampstead, 178, Finchley Road	Working Party	3 to 5 p.m.
" "	Natford Place, Edgware Road, W.	Mrs. Kranich, Miss M. Rogers	8 p.m.
" "	Palmer's Green, Studio, Stenard Road	Miss Isabel Seymour. Chair: Rev. H. Richards	7.30 p.m.
" "	Sanderstead	Drawing-room meeting, Miss Isabel Green, hostess	7.30 p.m.
" "	Wimbledon, 8, Victoria Crescent	Working Party	2.30 p.m.
Wednesday, 4	Chelsea, 308, King's Road	Committee Meeting	5.30 p.m.
" "	905, Fulham Road, S.W.	Committee Meeting	6 p.m.
" "	Hampstead, 178, Finchley Road	Committee Meeting	11 a.m.
" "	Kensington, 8, Victoria Road	At-Home, The Hon. Mrs. Haverfield. Chair: Dr. Garrett Anderson	4 to 6 p.m.
" "	Kilburn, Messina Avenue	Mrs. Brailford, Hon. E. Haverfield	8 p.m.
" "	Paddington, 50, Prad Street	Mrs. Whitten, Mrs. Harvey, Miss Haslam	8 p.m.
" "	Romford, Market Plain	Sewing Party	3 to 6 p.m.
" "	Streatham, 37, Hopton Road	Working Party	2.30 p.m.
" "	West Croydon, 2, Station Buildings	Miss Hopkins	7.30 p.m.
" "	Woolwich, Beresford Square	Drawing-room Meeting, Miss Isabel Green. Hostess: Mrs. Shade	8.15 p.m.
Thursday, 5	Croydon	Shop Assistants, Miss G. Brackenbury, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B., and others	8 p.m.
" "	26, Monmouth Road, W.	Sewing Meeting	3 to 6 p.m.
" "	Streatham, 27, Gopely Park	Mrs. Cameron-Swan, Miss Hardy	8 p.m.
Friday, 6	Croydon	Working Party	8 to 10 p.m.
" "	Hampstead, 178, Finchley Road	Mrs. Kranich, Miss Fagg	8 p.m.
" "	Harrow Road, Prince of Wales (outside)	Downing	8 p.m.
" "	Streatham, 37, Drewstead Road	Miss Elsa Myers. Chair: Miss Downing	7.30 p.m.
" "	Sydenham, High Street		
" "	Woolwich, Beresford Square		

Thursday, November 16, Albert Hall Meeting, 8 p.m.

on sale in the shop. Acknowledged with thanks:—Miss Armstrong 8s., Mrs. Hartley 2s., Mrs. J. Brindley 2s. 6d., Mrs. Johnson 2l.

HAMMERSMITH.

Shop and Office—100, Hammersmith Road. Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)—Miss Haarbelscher. Miss Carlson requests the pleasure of members and friends to a social evening at 8 o'clock next Tuesday, at 40, Melrose Gardens, W., to meet the new secretary.

ILFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Haslam, 65, Cranbrook Road. There is work of every description to be done during the autumn, fuller details of which will be given later. The Wednesday meetings have been resumed. Albert Hall tickets (Upper Orchestra, 6d.) are on sale. Apply early.

ISLINGTON.

Office—347, Goswell Road, E.C. Hon. Sec.—Miss E. M. Casserley.

Members will be sorry to hear that Miss Croxson is leaving the neighbourhood. Her energy in paper-selling will be greatly missed. Who will volunteer to fill the gap and undertake the captaincy of the Holloway Road pitch? It is an excellent pitch, especially on Saturdays, and needs working up. Help is also needed in paper-selling at the open-air meetings. Will those members who are unable to attend the business meeting to-morrow, Saturday, kindly send in their subscriptions for September at once?

KENSINGTON.

Shop and Office—143, Church Street, Kensington W. Tel., 2116 Western. Hon. Sec.—Miss Evelyn Sharp.

The autumn campaign, which will be directed towards the conversion and organisation of women householders in South Kensington, will be opened next Wednesday afternoon by an At Home at 8, Victoria Road, by the kindness of Miss Corbould (see programme). Members are asked to bring as many friends as possible, unconverted preferred; cards of reminder to be obtained at the shop. The Jumble Sale will take place at an early date, and friends who are kind enough to contemplate sending parcels of clothes, boots, books, china, hardware, etc., are requested to do so, as soon as possible in order to facilitate the work of the organisers, to Mrs. Sloane, 41, Lansdowne Crescent, W. New paper-sellers are badly needed for the various pitches; it is hoped that regular sellers will resume work if they have returned to town and will kindly notify the hon. secretary of their return. Helpers prepared to canvass, to deliver letters, to sell the paper from door to door in poorer streets, to give drawing-room meetings, etc., are also asked to send in their names or apply at the shop for particulars of campaign. Miss Grales has kindly consented to act as Exhibition Secretary for the Kensington stall, which will consist of books only; contributions in money will be gladly welcomed, however small, and may be sent to her at the shop. £100 must be raised and time is short. It is confidently hoped that Kensington members and sympathisers will as before respond generously.

LEWISHAM.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Bouvier. Office—32, Mount Pleasant Road, Lewisham. At Home, Tuesdays 3 to 5, and Thursdays 5 to 9 p.m.

A large crowd, eager for information, listened to Miss Myers at the Catford tram-terminus on Sunday. All those who have whist-drive tickets on sale or return are requested to notify the secretary of the number of tickets sold by Thursday evening. The hostesses, Mrs. Knight and Miss Topley Spurr, Mamma Mead, The Grove, Blackheath, should be notified direct as to number of tickets sold after Thursday. Gratefully acknowledged:—Miss Jennings, 5s.; Mrs. Parke, 9s. 9d.; and some Jumble Sale parcels. More jumbles are needed, and should be sent, carriage paid, to Miss Leigh, 62, Manor Park, Lee, S.E.

N.W. LONDON.

Office—215, High Road, Kilburn. Tel. 1183, Hampstead. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Penn Gaskell.

Members are reminded that Mrs. A. J. Webb will speak on Social Evils in the committee room, on Wednesday, October 11, at 3.30. Make this known and bring friends. More help is needed from members to ensure making the Leadless Glaze Stall at the Christmas Fair the big success that it should be. All suggestions will be welcomed. In order to economise expenses, this Union is combining with two other local societies for a joint Jumble Sale, which is expected to be a very large one. Will every member not only send something, but collect from her friends, marking the parcels "Votes for Women."

STREATHAM.

Shop and Office—8, Shrubbery Road, Streatham. Hon. Sec.—Miss Leonora Tyson.

Many thanks to all who sent goods for the Jumble Sale; also to those who helped Miss Ellison on Monday and the preceding days. The amount realised about £28. The next members' meeting will be held at the shop on Tuesday evening, October 10, at 8 p.m. Mrs. Butler Johnson is thanked for some pots of home-made crab-apple jelly, all of which have already found purchasers. Picture post-cards of the Shop are now on sale, price 2d. each. A few good Albert Hall tickets are still available. Will members please make application early. Gratefully acknowledged:—Mrs. Tyson, 1s.; Miss Phillips, 2s.

WANDSWORTH.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Thresher Chapman, 87, Gorst Road, S.W.

The out-door meetings will be resumed to-morrow, Saturday (see programme). The hon. sec. would be glad if the members who so kindly helped during the summer months will help again with paper-selling. She would also be glad to have offers of drawing-rooms for meetings, as she is anxious to hold several during the coming months.

WEST HAM.

Hon. Sec.—Miss D. M. Hooper, 116, Windsor Road.

The Friday evening meetings held in the Grove, Stratford, have been quite a success. Miss Lennox had a most attentive audience last Friday. The pitch seems especially good for paper-selling, as again all were sold out.

WIMBLEDON.

Shop and Office—8, Victoria Crescent, Broadway, Wimbledon. Tel. 1024, P.O. Wimbledon. Hon. Organising Sec.—Mrs. Lamartine Yates, Dorset Hall, Merton, Surrey.

The Jumble Sale will be held early in October and parcels of clothing and household effects should be sent as soon as possible (marked "for Jumble") to Mrs. Lamartine Yates at above address. If any who are unable to arrange for sending their parcels will send a card saying how soon they can be ready, collection of all such will be arranged for on some definite date and the date be intimated. Names of members willing to steward on Jumble Saturday (probably October 14) should be sent in at once. Members who are working for the stall are asked to attend at the office every Tuesday at 2.30 p.m., and bring their work, or fetch work to do at home. Tea will be served free to all workers. The autumn series of weekly meetings will be held in the Lecture Hall, Lingfield Road, on Wednesdays, at 8 p.m., and it is hoped members will make this freely known. Handbills will shortly be ready for distribution on application at the shop. Albert Hall tickets should be secured from the hon. treasurer without delay. A good audience attended the Sunday Common meeting, and there was a brisk sale of VOTES FOR WOMEN. Saturday's Broadway meeting was the surprise of the series, for the steady fall of rain during the whole two hours proved no deterrent to those anxious to

listen; the crowd was almost, if not quite, as great as usual, and judging by the audible expressions of agreement, one that was most sympathetically inclined towards the cause. Mr. Bowden-Smith was, unhappily, prevented from speaking, but Dr. Bather, M.L.W.S., most kindly came as substitute at very short notice and gave an excellent address on the Conciliation Bill. Mrs. Dacre-Pox was in the chair. A complete refutation of the anti-Suffragist statistics re New Zealand will be found in an extract from a speech given by Mrs. Huggett on the Common, and now printed in the *Wimbledon Borough News* for September 23.

Home Counties.

BEDFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Smelt, 22, Goldington Avenue. Members are urgently requested to be present at the annual meeting to-day (Friday). See below. Friday, Sept. 29.—Harper Street, Working Men's Institute, 8 p.m.

BRIGHTON, HOVE AND DISTRICT.

Office—5, North Street, Quadrant. Tel. 3853 Nat. Organiser—Miss G. Allen. Meetings on the Front continue to be well attended. Will members please note that in future the Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoon meetings will be held at 3.30, instead of 5.30?

CANTERBURY AND SOUTH KENT.

Organiser—Miss F. E. M. Macaulay, Trevarra, 30, Bouverie Road West, Folkestone. Heartly congratulations to Miss Wilson, the Dover local secretary, on the very successful meeting she arranged for the Pankhurst at Kendal, and also many thanks to Miss Key, the Folkestone and Dover literary secretary, for the flags and streamers she kindly lent to help decorate the Kendal Town Hall. Canterbury members are urged to do their utmost to make Miss Goldstein's meeting, next Thursday evening, a great success. Tickets (2s. 6d., 1s., and 6d.) can be obtained from Mr. H. J. Gaudin, 39 and 40, High Street, Canterbury, where a plan of the hall may be seen. All South Kent members are asked to read the report of Miss Worsfold, the Bazaar Secretary, and to respond to her appeals for help. Thursday, Oct. 5.—Canterbury, St. George's Hall, Miss Vida Goldstein. Chair: Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, 8 p.m.

EAST GRINSTEAD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss A. L. Durham, Landhurst Cottage, Hartfield, Sussex. A meeting will be held at the Queen's Hall, East Grinstead, on October 6, at 8 p.m., when the speakers will be the Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, Miss Corbett, Richard Reiss, Esq. Chair: F. Cobham, Esq., J.P. of Lingfield. It is hoped that all members and friends in the neighbourhood will help to make this meeting a success.

KNEBWORTH.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Avery, Old Knabworth, Herts. A meeting of members and friends was held at the Caxtons on Thursday last, to make arrangements for the work to be done for the "All Hertfordshire Stall." About £5 worth of goods are already in hand. Members were much interested and many kind offers of help were given. Will any friends who are unable to give work remember that funds for the purchase of materials will be gratefully received?

PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTHAMPTON.

Organiser—Miss C. A. L. Marsh, 4, Pelham Road, Portsmouth, and 51, Oxford Street, Southampton. In order to help members to deal with arguments against the Conciliation Bill special meetings will be held during the winter for discussion. Dates of these meetings will be announced later. The Jumble Sales will be held towards the end of October. Articles of all kinds are welcome. During the winter great efforts must be made to increase the circulation of *VOTES FOR WOMEN*. At theatre queues, outside concerts, and meetings, in fact, wherever anything is going on, the Suffragettes must be selling the paper. For this more sellers are urgently needed. Contributions towards the campaign are wanted. Members, please attend open-air meetings. Friday, Sept. 29.—Portsmouth, 4, Pelham Road, Members' meeting, 6.30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3.—Portsmouth, Town Hall Square, 7.15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4.—Portsmouth, South Parade Pier, paper selling, 2.15 and 7.15 p.m.; Southampton, Clock Tower, 7.30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6.—Portsmouth, Town Hall Square, 7.15 p.m.

READING AND NEWBURY.

Shop and Office—40, Market Place. Organiser—Miss O. L. Cobb. Members please attend the meeting on Tuesday, October 3 (see below), when Miss Jessie Kenney will be present to arrange for the future working of the branch. Miss Stella Fife having resigned the post of organiser. It is hoped that all members will be present. Tuesday, Oct. 3.—Shop, members' meeting, Miss Jessie Kenney, 5 p.m.

REDHILL.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Cather, The Red Cottage, Cavendish Road. The Jumble Sale on September 23 was a great success. Many thanks to all who helped to sell or sent parcels. A shilling fund has been started towards the sweet stall. Gratefully acknowledged—Miss Holsh, 35, J. L. Cather, Esq., 5a. Miss Holsh has kindly undertaken the entire care of the show case. Saturday, Sept. 30.—Ladbroke Road, Miss Cather, 8 p.m.

SOUTHEND AND WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Sky, 23, Cliffdown Road. The last open-air meeting was held on Saturday, when Miss H. W. Davison was the speaker. It is hoped to hold in-door meetings during the winter about every three weeks, with London speakers. Will members who have been away on holidays kindly send in their subscriptions for August and September. A Rummage Sale is being arranged, and members are requested to keep it in mind.

WEST AND NORTH KENT.

Organiser—Miss Evelyn Billing, 37, Madras Park, Tunbridge Wells.

At the Christmas Fête, North and West Kent is going to share a stall, on which things for men will be sold. Gifts in kind and donations towards the special fund will be most welcome. A general scheme will be drawn up immediately and sent to all members. Congratulations to Gillingham members for winning a first prize at the local carnival with a splendid "Votes for Women" tableau. A public meeting will be held in the Great Hall, Tunbridge Wells, on Tuesday, October 24, at 8 p.m. Speakers, Miss Naylor, Miss Vida Goldstein, Chair: Miss Ethel Wedgwood. Tickets, 2s. 6d., 1s., and 6d., will be on sale at the temporary W.S.P.U. office to be opened on October 3 in a room at the Pump Rooms, in the Pantiles. Tuesday, Oct. 3.—Members' meeting and "Office-Warming," 3 p.m.

The Midlands.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

Office—57, John Bright Street, Tel. 1443 Midland. Organisers—Miss Dorothy Evans and Miss Gladys Hesel.

The weekly meetings will begin on Wednesday next. Members and friends are asked to take their tickets as soon as possible for Mr. Bradburn's meeting in the Midland Institute on Monday, October 9. The programme will be glad to receive Christmas Fair and the

exchanged for jewellery and glass. Many thanks to friends who have already sent articles. Wednesday, Oct. 4.—Queen's College, Mrs. Penn Gaskell and Miss Dorothy Evans, 3 and 8 p.m.

GOVENTRY, LEAMINGTON, WARWICK, AND STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

Organiser—Miss Warwick, Knighton House, Queen's Road, Coventry. The organiser makes an appeal to all members and friends living near the towns above mentioned to write to her, as she would like to get in touch with each individual member and sympathiser as soon as possible. Her district is somewhat large, and therefore correspondence will be an excellent introduction. Lord Lytton will speak at Coventry Bath on Nov. 2, at 8 p.m. A great deal of work has to be done before this date. Fortnightly meetings will also be held in Coventry and Leamington on alternate Thursdays. London speakers will address these meetings. Will any member who knows of an inexpensive office in Coventry to let write to the organiser and state terms, etc.?

LEICESTERSHIRE AND NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

Office—14, Bowling Green Street, Leicester. Tel.: 1718 Leicester. Organiser—Miss Dorothy Pettick.

The first meeting for the winter will take place next Tuesday, and it is most important that every member should do her utmost to make it known and to bring friends, as a larger hall than usual has been taken. Handbills can be obtained at the shop. The organiser earnestly begs each member to share with her the responsibility of raising £100 worth of goods for the Christmas Fair and to attend the sewing meetings regularly. Funds are urgently needed to buy materials. It is hoped that every member will work at home, and get friends to give articles. Miss Goldstein and Lord Lytton will speak at the Victoria Galleries, Leicester, on October 15. Miss Goldstein will speak in Market Harborough on October 17. She will also address the first of a series of fortnightly meetings in Wellington on October 18. The "Progressive Games" social has been postponed to Thursday, October 19, in the Old Town Hall. Tickets (1s. each) can be obtained at the shop. Friday, Sept. 29.—Leicester, St. Martin's, G.F.S. Room, Sewing meeting, 3 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, October 3.—Leicester, Waterloo Hall, Waterloo Street, Mrs. Isabel Zangwill, 8 p.m. Friday, October 6.—Leicester, St. Martin's G.F.S. Room, Sewing meeting, 3 to 9 p.m.

NOTTINGHAM.

Office—6, Carlton Street, Tel.: 4311. Organisers—Miss Roberts and Miss Crocker.

The date of the Rummage Sale has been changed to November 18. Gifts have been already received, but many more are wanted. Kindly send contributions to the shop. There is no doubt the Nottingham stall promises well, but the £100 worth of goods will only be obtained through the hearty co-operation of each member. Will friends please realise that any early gift or promise is worth much more than a late one? Monday, Oct. 2.—5, Cavendish Crescent South, The Park, Sewing meeting, 3 to 6.30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3.—5, Cavendish Crescent South, The Park, Sewing meeting, 6.30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4.—Mechanics' Lecture Hall, Mrs. Isabel Zangwill, 8 p.m.

West of England.

BATH.

Shop—12, Walcot Street, Bath. Hon. Organiser—Mrs. Mansel. The Rev. — Richardson, Vicar of Combe Down, took the chair at Mrs. Macintyre's drawing-room meeting on Friday, September 22, which was well attended, and a great success. Miss Perkins' speech on how the English militant movement had helped the cause in America was listened to with great interest. Much work has been done to advertise the meeting at the Guildhall to-day (Friday). Gratefully acknowledged for the Hall, Miss Cave, 9a. Miss Burnett, 5a. The weekly meetings at the Assembly Rooms will begin on October 7. Friday, Sept. 29.—Guildhall, Miss Vida Goldstein, Rev. J. Ivory Cripps, Chair: Mrs. Mansel, 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7.—Assembly Rooms, the Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, 3.30 p.m.

BRISTOL.

Office—27, Queen's Road, Clifton. Tel.: 1335. Organiser—Miss Annie Kenney. After an Anti-Suffrage meeting at Avonmouth on Thursday evening last, Miss Kenney addressed a splendid meeting. The "Antis" at this meeting had been telling the people that women did not want the vote, but the women in Miss Kenney's crowd made it very clear that they did, and bought the paper to read more about *VOTES FOR WOMEN*. The municipal canvass is being conducted by local members, and a personal call is made on every woman municipal voter. The first meeting for municipal women will be held on Monday next (see below). The first At Home of the season will also be held on Monday, at which Mrs. Daniell has kindly consented to sing. On Monday, October 9, the Rev. J. Ivory Cripps will be the speaker. Sewing meetings for the fairs will be held every Friday afternoon at Mrs. Curdie's, 47, Canynge Road, Clifton, at 3 p.m., and every Monday evening at Mrs. Brydges Barrett's, 1, Hanbury Road, Clifton, 6.30. All communications re municipal canvass should be addressed to Mrs. Morris Fowler, 37, Queen's Road, Clifton. Monday, Oct. 2.—Victoria Rooms, the Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, 3.30 p.m.; David Thomas Memorial Schoolroom (women only), Miss Rachel Barrett, 3.30 p.m.

STROUD.

Organiser—Miss S. Ada Flatman, Oak Villa, Stratford Road. Will all members and friends do their utmost to make the meeting (see below) a great success, as this is the first indoor meeting held here. Large numbers are expected, and those who have not yet sent in their names to steward at the meeting do so. Many thanks to Mrs. Herbert, of Painswick, who is giving an At Home to meet Miss Evelyn Sharp on October 6. The organiser would be very glad to hear from others who will lend their houses in the same way. Friday, Oct. 6.—Holloway Institute, Miss Evelyn Sharp, Miss Flatman, 8 p.m.

Wales.

NEWPORT.

Office—11, Stow Hill, Newport, Mon. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Humphrey Mackworth. Will all members and sympathisers who are unable to attend the weekly sewing meetings make articles at home for the Christmas Fête? Mrs. Pettick Lawrence has promised to address a meeting at Pontypool on October 19, and at Newport on October 20. Handbills and tickets may be obtained from the office. Monday, Oct. 2.—11, Stow Hill, Sewing meeting, 3.15 to 5.15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4.—Tredegar, Brompton, drawing-room meeting, Mrs. Mackworth, Hostess: Mrs. Morgan.

Eastern Counties.

IPSWICH AND DISTRICT.

Shop—Dial Lane, Ipswich. Organiser—Miss Grace Roe, 13, Blenheim Street, Ipswich. Shop Sec.—Miss King. The organiser hopes that members will do their utmost to be present at the 2nd meeting (see below), when plans for the autumn campaign, which promises to be a busy one, will be discussed. Will members and friends please note that goods for the Jumble Sale should be sent to Miss Little, No. 55, Fomereau Road, Ipswich, not later than October 5? Friday, Sept. 29.—Shop, Mansel, 8 p.m.

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BRADFORD.

Office—64, Manningham Lane. Phone 4033. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Beldon, 9, Walmer Villas. Hon. Treas.—Mrs. Hardy Bahrens. Will members and friends please bear in mind the Jumble Sale to be held at the shop on Monday, October 9, and send goods addressed to Miss Millar Wilson at the shop before October 7. Miss Beldon and Miss Collins need help for paper-selling, especially for house to house and street selling. A special appeal is made to all who can help with the new undertaking of Saturday evening meetings, either in giving coffee and burn, speaking or reciting. Mrs. Bompas and Mrs. Hornshaw are literature secretaries and are getting new goods and pamphlets for the shop, which is now open for the winter. Friday, Sept. 29.—Thorncliffe Laundry, noonday meeting, Mrs. Potter, 1.20 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30.—68, Manningham Lane, 7.30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2.—Shop, afternoon tea, 4 to 6 p.m.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD.

Organiser—Miss Annie Williams, 1, Fitzwilliam St. Miss Williams will begin work on Monday next, October 2, and will be glad to have names and addresses of sympathisers on whom she may call. Particulars of monthly indoor meetings to be held in both towns will be given later. Who will be the first to give a drawing-room meeting? And who will volunteer to give an hour to selling *VOTES FOR WOMEN*? Miss Williams will speak by invitation to the Sowerby Bridge branch of the Women's Co-operative Guild on Tuesday, October 24.

HULL.

Organiser—Miss Kay-Jones. Hon. Sec.—Miss Harrison, 14, Welbeck Street. Mrs. Bymer, assisted by Mrs. Walter Holmes and Mrs. Herbert Holmes, gave a well-attended At Home at the Park Street Church Room on Wednesday, September 20. A great many promises were received for the Christmas Sale, and a sale of cakes afterwards added considerably to the Bazaar Fund. Hon. Sec. for Christmas Sale, Miss O'Dell. Members and sympathisers are urged to make great efforts towards collecting articles and subscriptions for this sale. September subscriptions for finance scheme now due. Members, please attend the first weekly meeting and bring friends. Wednesday, Oct. 4.—Shakespeare Lecture Hall, Story Street, Mrs. Q. Key-Jones. Chair: Miss Smith, 7.30 p.m.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips. 63, Great George Street. A most successful meeting was held at Carlton, the first suffrage meeting ever held there. Friends in that village have offered to arrange an indoor meeting later. Members and friends are reminded that collecting cards and money should be sent to Miss Phillips, c/o Miss Walker, 16, Hind Street, Beeston Hill, Leeds, as soon as possible. Members are urged to attend Monday's meeting (see below) to discuss Autumn campaign, which will include a visit from Miss Vida Goldstein and the Earl of Lytton. It is hoped all members will be at this meeting. Monday, Oct. 2.—16, Hind Street, Beeston Hill, 7.30 p.m.

NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT.

Office—37, Blackett Street. Organiser—Miss Laura Ainsworth. Thursday, Oct. 5.—Blyth, Co-operative Guild, Miss Laura Ainsworth, 7.30 p.m.

YORK.

Office—3, New Street, Telephone, 622. Organiser—Miss Kay-Jones. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Coultate, 33, Melbourne Street. A very successful meeting was held in the Assembly Rooms (kindly lent by Arthur Anderson, Esq.) on Friday last; refreshments provided by the committee. The organiser regrets she made a mistake last week, and reported that Mrs. A. Coultate and Miss Hyde whose At Home will take place later on were providing them. An autumn programme was planned, and a good collection taken for the Bazaar Fund. Sewing meetings will be held every Wednesday from now on, 7.30 p.m., provided by members; others are asked to promise tea for November meetings. Members and sympathisers are urged to promise articles or subscriptions to fund. Further particulars can be had from Dr. Waller, hon. sec. for Christmas Sale, at above address. Saturday, Oct. 7.—Office, 7.30 p.m.

North-Western Counties.

HALE, ALTRINCHAM, AND DISTRICT. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Wild, 24, Lock Road, Altrincham. Friday, Sept. 29.—Altrincham, 1, Derby Street, off Barrington Road, members and friends, Miss Mabel Capper, 7.45 p.m.

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT.

Office—11, Renshaw Street, Tel.: 3781 Royal. Organiser—Miss Davies. If it is hoped all members will determine to make the great Demonstration at the Sun Hall, Liverpool (when the W.S.P.U. will amalgamate with the N.W. and O.P.A.), on November 22, a huge success. Lord Selborne will address the meeting and other speakers will be Mrs. Ewart-Brown and Lady Constance Lytton. Will Lancashire and Cheshire sympathisers help to make this meeting known. Miss Davies will be delighted to hear from any friends who would distribute bills or help in any way.

NOCHDALE.

Office—2a, Ballis Street. Hon. Lit. Sec.—Mrs. M. Stott, 10, Mayfair Gardens, Rochdale. The Autumn session opened with a social evening on Saturday last and proved such a success that it is hoped to have them monthly—or even fortnightly—if possible. All friends are heartily invited. Members are asked to make these meetings a success by bringing some friend or sympathiser with them. New members and paper-sellers are wanted.

WALLASEY.

Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Mahood, Barrow Bridge, Lanes. Mrs. F. Heathcote, 21, St. Martins Lane, Liscard.

Many thanks to Miss Foster who undertook the secretary's work during her absence, also to Mrs. Caldwell, Misses Alkin, L. Kerridge, Bond, Renner, Couldrey and MacThee for the splendid work they have done in connection with the outdoor campaign. The indoor meetings will begin with a "Social Evening," to be held at the Liscard Concert Hall on October 16, at 8 p.m. Will all keep that date free and bring as many friends as possible? A musical programme and games are being arranged and light refreshments will be served during the evening. A special invitation is given to Liverpool and Birkenhead members. Miss Bond is anxious for help with the paper-selling she hopes to commence this week, to be continued regularly, at the Seacombe Theatre and Winter Garden quater. Mrs. Heathcote is pleased to announce that she was able (thanks to all who so kindly contributed) to send the sum of £1 5s. 3d. to the M. G. Fund. Will any who will sign the petition for Margaret Murphy please apply to Miss Renner.

Scotland.

DUNDEE AND EAST FIFE.

Office—61, Nethergate. Organiser—Miss Fraser Smith, N.A. Hon. Sec.—Miss McFarlane.

Members are again reminded of the meeting in the office on Wednesday (see below). Dundee is to have the pleasure of another visit from Miss Vida Goldstein on October 10 and 11. Miss Joseph has kindly promised a drawing-room for the afternoon of Tuesday, October 10, and in the evening Miss Goldstein will speak in the office. A meeting is also being arranged for her in the Assembly Hall, Arbroath, on Wednesday, October 11, at 8 p.m. Help is urgently needed for this venture in a new town. Members will be delighted to hear that Mrs. Pettick Lawrence is to speak in the large Foresters' Hall on Thursday, October 25. It is some time since Mrs. Lawrence was in Dundee and the organiser is sure that every member will do her very utmost to make the meeting a huge success. Tickets and handbills will be ready on Wednesday night and can be had at any time on application at the office. Wednesday, October 4.—61, Nethergate, Miss Grant, 8 p.m.

EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND.

Office—4, Melville Place, Queensferry Street. Shop Secretary—Miss Edith Hudson. Organiser—Miss Lillian Mitchell. Tel.: 6132 Central. Miss Burns will be warmly welcomed by all on her return next week. The first of the autumn meetings will be held on Thursday (see below). Miss Burns will address both meetings. Members are asked to make a special endeavour to bring fresh people to these meetings by canvassing, sending out invitations, or distributing bills in the street, or at theatre queues. Tickets for Mrs. Pettick Lawrence's meeting in the Syon Hall, Tuesday, October 24, will be ready on Monday. Members are asked to keep in mind the Jumble Sale, to be held in November. Thursday, Oct. 5.—Oak Hall, Princes Street, Miss Burns, 3.15 p.m., and Melville Place, Miss Burns, 8 p.m.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Shop and Office—202, Sauchiehall Street. Tel.: 615, Charing Cross. Organiser—Miss Wylie. The by-election being a thing of the past members must now turn their attention to the solid winter's work. The opening At Home of the season will take place on Friday, October 6, and the organiser hopes members will attend in full force as the winter plans will be laid before them and discussion invited. Will members particularly note that the weekly At Homes have been changed from Saturday to Friday. It is thought that by so doing it will be more convenient for speakers. Mrs. Pettick Lawrence will speak on Friday, October 27. Tickets for this meeting are now on sale. Will members call at the office for some on sale or return? Miss Goldstein will address a meeting in Kilmarnock on Friday, October 13, at 8 p.m. Will friends and members in that neighbourhood do all they can to secure a full hall? Tickets will be on sale 1s., 6d., and 3d. Miss Wylie wishes to thank very warmly Dr. Marion Mackenzie, Mrs. Atkinson and the Misses Scott for their help at the by-election. Mrs. Graham has generously given £1 towards election expenses. Miss Melville has earned the warmest thanks for taking charge of the shop during Miss Christie's absence. The At Homes will be held as usual at Charing Cross Hall unless otherwise advertised.

SPEAKERS' CLASS.

Hon. Election Mistress—Miss Rosa Lee, 43, Ashworth Mansions, Elgin Avenue, W.

Hon. Secretary—Miss Hale, 4, Clements Inn, W.G. In order to train a band of efficient speakers for the coming winter's work, great efforts will be made to make the Speakers' Classes a real success. Everybody who possibly can should join without delay. Classes need not be taken in succession, and may be had at any time, so that busy people need not feel that they are losing a class if they are unable to be present every Friday. The classes recommence on October 6, at 7.45 p.m., and the subjects for the next three weeks will be as follows: October 6—The Latchkey Decision with regard to the Conciliation Bill; October 13—The Danger of Widening Amendments to Conciliation Bill; October 20—Adult Suffrage. Will all those members who have books from the Library kindly return them on or before October 8? Miss Lee's private classes will be held by kind permission of Mrs. Ayton, at 41, Norfolk Square, W., every Tuesday at 7.45, commencing October 3, and every Saturday at 4 p.m. All communications with regard to private classes should be sent to Miss Lee, at above address, and a stamped and addressed envelope enclosed for a reply, and those in connection with the public classes to Miss Hale.

RULES.

1. Members of the W.S.P.U. only are eligible.
2. The Class is held at 4, Clements Inn, Room 72, every Friday, at 7.45 p.m. sharp.
3. Entrance fee, 3d. weekly, proceeds to be used for the purchase of educational literature.
4. The Library books are only to be kept one week, and must be returned or sent by post before the next class.
5. Members are limited to ten classes, and it must be clearly understood that no one shall be admitted to these classes except attending speakers.

CLERKS' W.S.P.U.

Hon. Secs.—Miss Phyllis Ayrton, 62, Edith Road, West Kensington. Miss Cynthia Maguire, 12, Carlton Vale, Maida Vale, N.W.
Bundles of goods are already coming in for the Jumble Sale. These can be sent any time between now and the end of November, to Miss Maguire, at above address. Sellers are still wanted for the Lodge Hill and Liverpool Street pitches (in the evenings). In view of the forthcoming meetings, donations towards hire of halls, etc., will be gratefully received.

MEN'S POLITICAL UNION For Women's Enfranchisement.

Offices: 12, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.
Telephone: City 6073.

Hon. Organising Sec.—Victor D. Duval.

The second Hyde Park meeting of the season was held last Sunday and was even more successful than the previous one. Around the lorry gathered about two thousand people to listen to the speeches of Mr. Duval, Mr. Franklin and Mr. Abbey, whilst the support from the audience plainly showed the advance that the cause has made in recent times. Members are asked to help at these meetings: see programme. For a preliminary account of the part the M.P.U. will take in the Christmas Fair and Fair see p. 820. This Union has taken four boxes in the Albert Hall for November 15, and has several tickets for sale, price 2s. 6d. each, available through a member of the M.P.U. Application should be made to the Ticket Secretary as soon as possible. An M.P.U. member has placed at the disposal of the Union a large number of economic and social books published chiefly during the last thirty years of the 19th century, and anyone who wishes to make use of this valuable information is asked to communicate with the Secretary.
Oxford.—Mr. L. Kingsley Underhill, 15, St. Clements, has undertaken the duties of Hon. Secretary to this branch for the next few months, and all communications should now be addressed to him, while an autumn programme will be published shortly.

Treasurer's Note.—With all the work the Union has in hand and with the Hawkins Appeal Case waiting to be heard next month, we are in need of a largely increased campaign fund, and any donation, however small, will be greatly welcomed. Gratefully acknowledged.

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THE ACTRESSES' FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

2, Robert Street, Strand, W.C. Telephone: City 1214.

Organising Secretary—Miss G. M. Conolan.

The programme for the Grand Matinee which is to be held in the Lyceum Theatre on October 27 is now almost complete. It will include a Prologue, specially written by Israel Zangwill; a new play by Laurence Housman, entitled "Alice in Wonderland"; and scenes from "A Doll's House," in which Miss Cecilia Loftus will appear. Amongst those who have consented to take part are Miss Lena Ashwell, Miss Marie Tempest, Miss Lottie Venne, Miss Lily Brayton, Miss Eva Moore, Mrs. Sara Balguy, Miss Edith Olive, Miss Maud Hoffman, Miss Nancy Price, Mr. Nigel Playfair. Tickets may be obtained from the offices. The League will be at home to members and friends at the offices to-day (Friday) at 3 p.m. Miss Adeline Bourne will speak, and plans for the autumn and winter will be made known. The first public At Home will be held at the Criterion Restaurant on Friday, October 6, at 3 p.m., when Miss Muriel Matters, the Rev. the Hon. James Ardley, and Gerald Cunningham, Esq., will speak. Invitation cards may be obtained from Miss Conolan.

THE CHURCH LEAGUE FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

President—The Bishop of Lincoln.

Offices—11, St. Mark's Crescent, Regent's Park, N.W.
The following meetings have been arranged:—
September 29.—Chorley Wood, "Roanoke," Station Road, Mrs. Findlay's Garden Meeting, Mrs. Robinson (Watford), Rev. C. Hinscliff, 3.15 p.m.
October 2 to 6.—Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs., Church Congress Campaign. Offices: Masonic Hall (near Town Hall), Hanley, open daily 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Organiser: Mrs. Hinscliff, Bowden Hotel, Stoke.
October 3.—Hanley, Temperance Hall, High Street, Hanley, Mrs. Hanley, Mrs. Frances Sterling, Mrs. Louis Fagan, Rev. G. D. Rosenthal (Birmingham), Chairman; Rev. J. Carnegie Mullin (Milton, Staffs.), 8 p.m.
October 5.—Hanley, Temperance Hall, High Street, Earl of Lytton, Bishop of Lincoln, Dr. Letitia Fairfield, Rev. C. Hinscliff, Chairman; Major Cecil Wedgewood, D.S.O. (Mayor of Stoke), 8 p.m.
October 7.—Woking, Hook Heath, Miss Wright and Miss Tyrrell's At Home, "St. Katherine's," Dr. Letitia Fairfield, Rev. A. B. N. Simms (Grayshott), Rev. C. Hinscliff, 4 p.m.

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Hon. Sec. Miss Randall, 22, Wilberforce Road, Finsbury Park, N. Hon. Treasurer.—Miss Monica Whately, 75, Harcourt Terrace, The Beltons, S.W.

A most interesting drawing-room meeting was held at St. Leonards by kind permission of Miss O'Grady, at which six new members were made. The chair was taken by Miss Isabel Willis, who had organised the meeting, and the principal speaker was Miss O'Sullivan. Members are asked to note that a public meeting will be held at the Small Queen's Hall on Thursday, October 26th, at 8 p.m., and offers of help to make this known are especially requested. Communications to be addressed to the hon. treasurer. Funds are also needed for the autumn campaign. Gratefully acknowledged.—Meeting at St. Leonards, 15s.; Mrs. Blair-Black, 5s.

THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

President—Mrs. Cecil Chapman.

Office—5, Park Mansions Arcade, Knightsbridge, (opposite Tube Station).

We hope to recommence country work before long, and sympathisers living in Sussex, Dorset, or in the neighbourhood of Hythe, are reminded of the opportunity they will have of helping. Meanwhile, arrangements are being made to carry on the work in London for the winter. Friends who will lend their drawing-rooms for afternoon or evening meetings will give great help, as this is a splendid way of getting at the unconverted. The office "At Home" will begin next month, and members are asked to bring others and to do all in their power to make them a success. Help for the Christmas Sale will be welcomed. All have the opportunity of helping in the immediate future with the Jumble Sale. Parcels of clothing should be sent direct to the office, labelled "Jumble Sale," with name and address of sender. Mr. Arthur A. Baumann (late M.P. for Peckham), has consented to debate with Miss Ogston, at Hythe, on Wednesday next. A meeting has also been arranged to take place at the Institute, Hythe, on Wednesday evening, November 1st, Lady Brassey will preside, and Mrs. Cecil Chapman will speak.

FREE CHURCH LEAGUE FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Hon. Organising Secs. (pro tem.)—Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, 4, Chalmers Park, Highgate, N. Hon. Corresponding Secretary—Miss Hatty Baker, 25, Hartington Villas, Hove.

The public meeting on Friday, October 13, at Caston Hall, at 8 p.m., needs advertising in the churches. Will those willing to distribute handbills write to the hon. organising secretaries at above address? Members are asked to attend at 7.15 to elect an organising secretary in place of Rev. R. Clark, resigned. On Monday, October 16, there will be an open debate at the Highgate Congregational Church, Chairman, Rev. D. Macfarlane, M.A.; Opener, J. Malcolm Mitchell, Esq., at 8 p.m.

WELSH DAY AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

Saturday being Welsh Day at the Crystal Palace, it was considered a good opportunity to distribute membership forms and Conciliation Bill leaflets in Welsh to the thousands of Welsh people who had come to sing at the Palace and to don the Welsh costumes procured for the Suffrage Procession. The W.S.P.U. kiosk showed posters with Cymru am Byth decorating its panels, while red dragons waved from the window. Members donned costumes and wended their way to the Palace about 3.30, not intending to go further than the entrance; but what Welshwoman could resist the music? So tickets were bought and, oblivious of the costume and its attraction, places were secured. A Welshman said, "Good old Wales!" and the audience cheered. The choir gave thundering applause, and whispers of "Votes for Women" and "Suffragettes" proved that the wearers were recognised. When the concert was over there was no difficulty in giving away handbills. The costume, the language spoken, and the Welsh printed leaflets were bonds of union between the Suffragettes and the Welsh. As one looked at the tremendous and magnificent choir and heard the inspired singing it seemed a forecast of the time when men and women will be working together harmoniously and on perfect equality to make this country of ours something like their ideal singing, ever rising to nobler efforts.

There was no suggestion of woman's place being the home in their remarks. The Welshman, after bringing his women out to sing, would not dare to say that. Whatever he is, he is not an anti-suffragist. Indifferent he may be, and perhaps a little too loyal to party Liberalism, but, collier or quarryman, farmer or craftsman, sailor or tailor, he is no anti, but is unanimous in hoping women will have the vote. "Bendith fyddo ar y dydd," which means "Blessing be on the day." (The Hon. Secretary of the Cymric Suffrage Union is Mrs. M. E. Davies, 57, Racton Road, Fulham, S.W.)

MRS. PANKHURST'S SCOTTISH TOUR.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors.—May I be permitted to convey through your columns my heartfelt and grateful appreciation to all the members and friends who assisted so materially in making Mrs. Pankhurst's tour a success. Special thanks are due to Miss Francesca Graham, who was a great help throughout the tour in looking after the large parcels of Votes and literature we disposed of at every meeting. Other kind members who worked indefatigably are Miss McPhun at Largs, Misses Burnett and Underwood at Kingussie, Grantown; Miss Fairs, Miss Levaack, Miss Reid, at Lossiemouth; Miss Forsyth and Miss Urquhart, at Forres; the Misses Ellis, of Golfrivie, at Nairn; and Miss Smith, at Peterhead. Mere words are inadequate to express the happiness it is to work with the self-sacrificing co-operation of W.S.P.U. members—Yours, etc., USA S. DUNNIE.

The Rev. Claud Hinscliff addressed a garden meeting by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Conran at Garryowen, Hackwood Road, on Wednesday, September 20. Miss Norton presided, and warmly thanked Mrs. Conran for the delightful afternoon they had spent.

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